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THE TWO CHRISTMAS TREES.

TRANSLATED FROM THE DANISH.

Bark was strewn in the street, and carriages glided along like noiseless shadows past the great mansion where the young widow countess lived. The door bell was taken off, and the broad steps were covered with thick carpets; for death sat at the head of the bed where lay the widows only child. It had come so suddenly, so unexpectedly, just at the time of the children's great festival on the first year the Christmas tree was to be lighted for the rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed boy. Now the tree stood there decked from top to root, bending its boughs under the wealth of gifts, but no one thought of lighting the colored candles, for the red cheeks were pale, the blue eyes dim. Just as the Christmas bells were ringing he bent his head with the last sigh; the young widow was childless.

The earth had received what belonged to the dust, the father no longer, rested in the quiet church yard behind the iron fence; but *she*—how lonely she was! How empty were her home and her heart! A few days after, the very last day of the whole year, as she sat by the grave, how agonizing it was to think of the past twelvemonth, when every day the child's merry shouts had wakened her in the morning.

Wearied by weeping, her eyes wandered over the iron railing; a new grave had been added since she had brought her sacrifice—a poor person's grave with a plain wooden cross. Some wreaths of moss lay on the earth, and above the cross hung a homemade garland of pine twigs. When she went away she passed it; a middle-aged man lay beneath.

A few steps from the mound she met the grave-digger strolling along with a rake in his hand. The young countess stopped to give him an order, and, as she passed on, inquired who occupied the new grave.

"A poor workman who was drowned," was the reply.

"Drowned!"

"Yes, your ladyship; and he leaves a wife and seven children."

"So she still has children with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes, she is richer than I," sighed the widow.

No, pardon me," replied the grave-digger, leaning on his rake, "she has pale-faced; dull eyed children; it's a sad Christmas for the poor people."

The countess went back and took a wreath heavy with flowers, one of many, from her child's grave; but when she approached the wooden cross to hang it there in place of the pine garland, the man stopped her.

"No, let it stay, *that* wreath is most suitable, and it has its story too."

"Tell me the story."

"Yes, your ladyship, it isn't long: You see the man who lies there had some money left over, for he was sober and diligent, so he bought a little Christmas tree for the children, which was to have been lighted on New Year's Eve, but the green branches were put to a different use because the poor widow had no means to get a better wreath."

The rich woman silently bowed her head, then rose, stately and beautiful, saying:

Where does she live, sitting in her sorrow among her palefaced children?"

The way led through narrow streets, high up a dilapidated staircase, and the countess had much difficulty in finding it, but at last she reached the room. A strange, damp odor of wet walls and old clothes greeted her. There sat the mother sewing by the fading daylight, while the children's pallid faces peered out of the corners The rich and the poor woman gazed silently at each other a moment, then the countess said slowly and sadly:

"We have graves side by side in the churchyard. You have children and no Christmas tree, I have a Christmas tree and no children, rise and follow me."

The woman stared irresolutely at her strange guest, but the countess continued,

"Don't you understand me? I am telling you that I have come for you all. Follow me at once, just as you are, you and all your children."

So the tree lighted; it cast a ruddy glow on the children's blanched faces, and their dull eyes began to sparkle. But as the little ones shouted joyously around the two widows, the poor woman flung herself at the countess's feet—she wanted to express her thanks but could not. The lady raised her saying:

"You see, I have been thinking so constantly about my boy, he was the light of my eyes and the joy of my heart, and now to-night a great sense of consolation has come upon me! When children rejoice, the angels rejoice too, and among them I firmly believe is my own boy! You have many mouths and I have plenty of bread, come to me and we shall both receive a blessing from what God has given us—the Christmas blessing, for it was the two Christmas trees that brought us together.—*Churchman.*

Bromley Junior and Bromley Senior

There are few journalists better known or of more important rank in America than Isaac Bromley, who for many years wielded a weighty pen in the editorial department of the New York *Tribune*. Mr. Bromley has one fond belief in his heart of hearts that he has a striking and irrepressible fund of humor. His son entered the *Tribune* city department on leaving college to begin his career as a journalist. One day the city editor told him to go somewhere and interview some old character in New York.

"Give full play to your humor," said he, "and you can have a column and a half in the Sunday paper."

The young reporter sought his father in the editorial room and told him with great glee.

"But," he said, turning kind of solemn, "father, how did he know I had any humor in me?"

"Well," said Mr. Bromley, straightening himself up, "perhaps he thinks you may have inherited it.

The son puzzled a moment; then, with a sudden gleam of comprehension, he said:

"Does he know mother?" — *San Francisco Chronicle.*

Christmas—The New Year.

The holidays are at hand, Christmas and New Year—the yearly carnival of love, friendship and the annual epoch when generosity and liberal giving constitute the blessed fashion. As the holy light of the rising Christmas star shines up over the horizon, its sacred influence is felt, unconsciously perhaps, by every heart, and no soul is so base and hardened as not to feel—whether the feeling is acknowledged or not—that now is the time of "peace on earth and good will towards men"—that these are the days when the precepts of Him whose birthtime it is—"Love thy neighbor as thyself"—must find universal application. As the breath of the dying year comes thick and short, and the glazing eyes look regretfully into the past, we feel like solacing his parting hours with beautiful deeds and kindly giving. As the face of the New Year appears at the opening gate and he looks with doubt over the world where he is to reign, we have it not in our hearts to greet the stranger with harsh bitterness and meanness and sorrow, so we make his coming merry and jocund with gay festivities and lavish deeds of love.

The celebration of Christmas is of very ancient origin. It was inaugurated by the early Christians immediately after the commencement of the Christian era. It was then held exclusively as a religious festival in commemoration of the nativity of the Saviour. It derives its name from *Christi Massa*, the mass of Christ. It was not celebrated on the same day by all the primitive churches. For two or three centuries the Eastern Church kept the feast on the 6th of January, while the Latin Church observed it on the 25th of December. Pope Julius I, who died A. D. 352, has usually the credit of transfering the feast from January 6th to December 25th. Some authorities, however, give the credit to Pope Telephorus, who died A. D. 138.

About A. D. 527, it is known that Dionysius Exiguus a Scythian monk, fixed upon the 25th of December, in the year of Rome 753, when Lentulus and Piso were Consuls, as the date of the birth of our Lord, and that is both the day and the year which has been followed as the date of the Christian era up to the present time. In the middle ages the day was celebrated by the gay, fantastic, dramatic spectacles of that period, the scenery representing an infant attended by the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the wise men, and surrounded by cherubs, bulls' heads, and other grotesque decorations, and the custom of decking houses and churches with evergreens is derived from the practices of the ancient Druids. Ivy, mistletoe, holly, rosemary, bays and laurel, are the favorite trimmings.

The custom of Christmas gifts has its origin in the Roman Paganalia, which was instituted by Servius Tulius B. C. 550. On these festivals, celebrated at the beginning of the year, an altar was erected in every village, and to the box placed upon it, every man, woman and child was expected to contribute a coin.

St. Nicholis is one of the most popular saints of Europe, being evoked as the patron of sailors, travelers, captives, and as the special guardian of unmarried girls and children. The Hollanders call him Santa Claus. Our juvenile friends are all acquainted with his appearance, and the stock of toys he invariably carries with him.

In New England the Puritans gave no quarter to any church festivals, and it is only within a few years past that there has been any general celebration of Christmas among their descendants. In the Southern States all the hale and hearty old English customs were duly observed from the first settlement of the country. Christmas in this State, as well as in all places south, is a time of rejoicing and universal mirth and festivity.

Christmas will no doubt be celebrated in our town by a general suspension of business, by the interchange of gifts and tokens of personal friendship and regard, by the appropriate decoration of our churches and the holding of solemn divine service suitable to the occasion. The day will evidently pass away as heretofore in an agreeable and interesting manner, and many a heart will be made light and joyous by the receipt of some kind token reminding it that it is not forgotten.

A Bloodless Man.

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A little child once asked his mother the question: "Mother, what part of Heaven do children go to who are good, but not agreeable."

The man who "stood on ceremony" was brought to his senses by some fresh young person calling on him to "come off."

Every fashionably dressed woman has her day.

OLD VIRGINIA DAYS.

GENERAL STONEWALL JACKSON'S ONE RECORDED SPEECH.

WHAT TURNED THE UNIONIST SENTIMENT IN THE OLD DOMINION INTO ONE OF SECESSION—JOHN BROWN'S DAY.

The incident here recorded occurred in the early spring of 1861, only a few days before the State of Virginia passed the ordinance of secession. As soon as the sentence of death had been pronounced on John Brown the Governor of Virginia ordered the militia of the State, to the number of about fourteen hundred men, to report at Charlestown, then in Virginia. This measure was dictated by rumors of an intended attempt to interrupt, by an armed attack, the progress of the execution. Among the military organizations ordered out were the cadets of the Military Institute at Lexington. They left the institute under the immediate command of Colonel Smith, the superintendent, the section of artillery which they took with them being under the charge of Major Jackson, who was then professor of physical science at the institute.

After the execution had taken place there was a universal sense of uneasiness throughout the state, and nowhere more so than at Lexington. The arsenal near the town, which had been maintained before the establishment of the institute and the old guard of which had been substituted by the cadets, contained about 30,000 stand of arms, while the adjacent magazine had 500 barrels of powder. Rumors were rife that an attempt would be made to seize the arsenal and magazine by the sympathizers of the John Brown raid, and Governor Wise directed that redoubled vigilance should be exercised in guarding public property. Sentinels were doubled and patrols scoured the neighboring country. The excitement of the young soldier guard was aggravated by the discovery of more than one anonymous warning that the magazine would be attacked at such a day and hour. These alarms and the precautions to which they gave rise necessitated the issue to the cadets of a full supply of ball-cartridges, and they were directed to be prepared at the first tap of the drum to assemble with their arms.

THE PECULIARITIES OF MAJOR JACKSON.

Major Jackson was as indifferent a teacher as one would easily find. He had won for himself a reputation in the Mexican war. A thorough soldier conscientious, painstaking, entirely wanting in adaptability and savoir faire, he had as little in common with the scholarly academician as Gustavus Adolphus with Erasmus. The light blue eye which could blaze with the intensest flame in battle, exhibited none of the kindling which belongs to the teacher who loves his vocation. He was awkard, peculiar, bizarre. He would march up and down in front of the superintendent's office in the rain, rather than enter before the appointed time. He would endeavor to administer his department on principles applicable to a garrison of regulars, and make issues in which it was impossible that he should be sustained. A dyspeptic, at times a hypochondriac, he was a typical proof and example of the kinship between genius and mental disorder.

His idiosyncrasies made him the marked figure that he afterwards became—this is almost a truism; yet those same idiosyncrasies slightly exaggerated might have brought him before a commission of lunacy. General Ewell was not alone in his opinion when he categorically pronounced him mad.

A PICTURE FOR A POET.

While thus disqualified from ever becoming more than an indifferent teacher Major Jackson held his own place in the respect of the cadets. A sub-episode of the time of excitement of which we are writing will establish this. One night when the reports of a threatened attack had been more than usually exact the young soldier became correspondingly excited, Major Gilham, the commandant of cadets, and a gallant West Pointer, was in the barracks, but they had resolved that they would be more comfortable if Major Jackson were on duty. They had no respect for his scholarship, but he was the hero of Contreras and Chapultepec, and it is a part—a gifted writer has said that it is the greatest part—of the gift the hero leaves his race that has been a hero. Sent for, he came down in full uniform and sword, and taking his seat in the guard room remained there till morning. A poet would need no richer field for his fancy than this scene—the waking veteran, throbbing with unrecognized and pent-up powers, keeping guard over his young brothers, sleeping before the storm.

The sentiment of Rockbridge county, as of the greater part of the valley of Virginia at this time, was intensely and tenaciously in favor of the preservation of the Union. At the recent election, the Union delegates had been elected by 2,000 majority in the county. On the other hand, the youth assembled in both of the schools situated in Lexington—Washington College and the Military Institute—were secessionists in theory almost to a man. This was a condition of things easily to be understood. Youth has gathered no experience to serve as a foundation for caution. With such a division of sentiment in the community all the conditions were present for an outbreak between the Union residents of the neighborhood and the hot-headed militiamen boys in the schools. The occasion soon presented itself.

THE TWO PARTISON POLES.

The two political parties in Lexington appointed a day when there was to be public speaking, and when each side was to celebrate its principles by the erection of a flag pole. The Secessionists, comparatively few in numbers, lifted a pole of moderate size. The more numerous Unionists had provided a tall pole, spliced in several places, which they failed in raising, and which was left on the ground for a second effort.

That night the mischevious minds of the cadets concocted a scheme to play a severe practical joke on their political rivals. A number of them ran the blockade of sentinels and officers, and boring the Union pole with augers endeavored to blow it up. Failing in this by reason of wet powder they left the weakened mainmast, and dragged the topmast away with them. The trail in the mud directed the citizens in the morning towards the perpetrators of the deed. They sent a committee to the superintendent of the institute with indupitable proofs of the responsibility of the cadets. Colonel Smith assured them that proper reparation should be made, and going to the barracks required the young men to provide another pole and deliver it to the citizens of the town. The matter was thus adjusted; but though the fuse had been discovered and extinguished the charge had not been removed which threatened an explosion.

THE CADETS INFLAMED.

The next Saturday afternoon one of two cadets walking on the street in Lexington was insulted by a resident of the county. The boy was not a favorite with his fellows, not in any sense a controlling spirit among them, but the esprit du corps, which had recorded as an unwritten law that the honor of the whole was in every part was instantly aflame. The companion of the assaulted youth hurried to the barracks and beat the roll call. It was shortly before the hour of evening parade and the whole corps was in the barracks. In a moment the cadets rushed forth, each gun in hand and supplied with ball cartridges, flinging on his accoutrements as he ran. As they went leaping down the hill they called to each other to assemble in front of the residence of Governor Letcher, which stood at the foot of the main street of the town. Colonel Smith, the superintendent, who was barely convalescent from a desperate illness, seeing the tumultuous issue of the young men from the barracks, suspected the nature of the outbreak and hurrying by a nearer way arrived at the point of assembly just as the flanks were formed.

Fearless and determined, possessed of an unbounded influence with the cadets, he shouted out to them that whatever might be the cause of the disturbance, he claimed the right to lead them. By this time the Mayor of the town had called out the local company to repel the attack and preparations were rapidly making for a desperate resistance.

OBEYING AS USUAL.

The habit of obedience among the cadets and the commanding tone of Colonel Smith promptly prevailed over their excitement, and when he gave the order "Right face!" to turn them towards the institute, every man obeyed except two, one of them a nephew of General R. E. Lee. These two he quickly subdued and marched the battalion to the barracks. The mastery was gained for the moment, but the tenure of authority upon the minds of the excited young men was still frail.

Marching the corps to the largest class room Colonel Smith made to them a calm and earnest address, enlarging on the desperate nature of the evils upon which they had been about to run and on the folly and crime of attacking the people of their own State when standing on the threshold of a civil war. As he was concluding Major Jackson entered the room and took a chair upon the rostrum. As soon as Colonel Smith ceased speaking the cadets, apparently as much in a spirit of bandinage as in earnest called out: "Jackson," "Jackson," "Old Jack." He shook his head. Colonel Smith stopped and said:

"I have driven in the nail, but it needs clenching. Speak to them."

Delighted with the novel thought of hearing "Old Jack" speak the cadets redoubled their calls. At length he rose slowly and awkwardly, and, in his own peculiar and inimitable tones, said:

"STONEWALL'S" SPEECH.

"Young gentlemen, I am no speaker. I am a man of action. My principle is, when civil war begins draw the sword and throw away the scabbard."

No more characteristic speech than this was ever uttered. In its terse, stern brevity, it was a fitting precursor of the famous reply to General Bee, spoken by the same lips on the field of Manassas:

"Sir, we will give them the bayonet."

In two days from the time of this incident the requisition of President Lincoln upon the Governor of Virginia for the quota of the State towards the seventy-five thousand men called for in his proclamation, reversed, as if by a decree of fate, the sentiment of the Union counties of Virginia. The majority for the preservation of the Union swung in a mass to the advocacy of secession. A committee of the citizens of Lexington again waited on the superintendent, not this time to complain of insults to their Union sentiments, but to ask the aid of the cadets and of the cadet battery in firing a salute to the flag of Virginia. He replied that inasmuch as the State had not yet seceded, he could not direct the cadets to perform the service asked; but that as many should have permission to participate in firing the salute as should volunteer to serve. It is needless to declare that the number of volunteers was sufficient for the duty.

JAMES HENDERSON SMITH.

Lives in Red Hot Fire.

As Mrs. R. G. Asherton, of Lyons, N. Y., drew a pail of water from a well Monday morning, she saw a bright red reptile, resembling a lizard 3 3-4 inches long, in the pail. She threw the reptile into the stove, where there was a hot coal fire. One hour later she was surprised to find the reptile skipping merrily about on the red hot coals. She called in Dr. Freyand, who says it is a genuine salamander and a fine specimen. He put it into a fire of 474 degrees Fahrenheit, as high as his crucible would allow, and yet the reptile showed no signs of discomfiture.

Henry S. Ives Discharged.

Judge Kilbreth at the Tombs Police Court, New York, rendered his decision Saturday in the case of Henry S. Ives, the young financier charged with larceny. The Judge dismissed the complaint and discharged the accused. Neither Mr. Dexter nor his counsel was in Court. Ives' his lawers and several friends were there and when the defendant was discharged he was congratulated.

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 19, 1887.

Congress, although in session two weeks, has as yet accomplished very little work, mainly for the reason that Speaker Carlisle, owing to the unusual pressure brought to bear upon him for choice committee places, has been obliged to defer the appointment of his committees until after holiday recess, which will be from Dec. 22 till Jan. 4. The only really important committee thus far organized is that on Elections, which, for reasons personal to himself Mr. Carlisle requested the House to appoint—one of its duties being to decide the issue between Carlisle and Thobe. Apparently there is no good cause for a contest, still as one has been instituted by the misguided labor reformer, so called, it must be disposed of according to the forms of law. There can be little doubt of the validity of the Kentucky's statesman's claim to his seat.

It is already evident that much of the time of Congress during the present session will be uselessly consumed in the discussion of purely political questions; but on the eve of what is destined to be one of the most exciting and closely contested Presidential campaigns in the country's history, this is, perhaps, unavoidable. The first political tirade of the session was delivered, without the slightest provocation, in the House, by the Republican leader, Mr. Reed, of Maine, being a rather feeble and flatulent arraignment of the Democracy on the tariff question. However, a few ringing sentences from Messrs. Cox and Hatch sufficed to effectually silence the batteries of the burly Boanerges of the Republican party.

In the Senate that notorious champion of fraud, and vote-stealer, "Bill" Chandler, has presented an indictment against four sovereign states—South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana—proposing to regulate their Congressional elections, through the medium of Federal intervention. Chandler's idea of regulating elections was exemplified by the Republican rape of the electoral votes of three of these same States in the canvass of 1876-'77, and "Bill" realizes that the support of these commonalties is necessary for Republican success next year. But Chandler will get nothing but a little cheap political capital out of his partisan resolution.

Probably the Senate bill that will excite the most interest and discussion is that of Senator Cullom, providing for the United States Postal Telegraph, appropriating four million dollars for that purpose and designating a number of the principal cities of the country to be connected by the proposed lines; the bill also provides for the appointment and regulation of the employes of the Postal Telegraph.

During the early days of the session, while there is little business to demand their attention, many of the gay and festive Congressmen, who have doubtless forgotten their marital vows, are yielding their devotion to the charms of the giddy fair ones of the Capital. In he Patent Office a few days since a salacious scandal came to light—the principals being a Congressman from Kentucky, and a petite blonde beauty f the office. A model attendant discovered them in a compromising position—hence the public exposure. The fair clerk is a protege of her admirer, he having secured her a place last winter. Pending investigation of the case, the bewitching blonde is suspended from duty. This is mentioned as a common phase of Congressional life.

The indications are that there is some opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Lamar's nomination, but not enough to defeat it. It is hardly probable that the matter will be taken up until after the holiday recess; then the three most important nominations will be acted upon in their regular order—Lamar, Vilas, and Dickinson.

The recent reception in the city of two distinguished Irish members of the British Parliament, was an impressive demonstration of American national sympathy for the sufferings of Ireland, and fitting expression was given to this feeling by the eloquent utterances of several prominent Congressmen.

The Boom in Copper.

A tremendous rise in the price of copper has recently taken place. Ingot copper has been selling at ten to twelve cents per pound, but the price in New York is now seventeen and a half cents per pound, an increase of $140 per ton, bringing the price up to $350 a ton. In London the price of ingot copper is now $365 a ton, against $200 a year ago.

This copper boom is owing partly to the fire which occurred in the great Calumet and Hecla mine at Lake Superior last spring, but mainly to the operations of a French syndicate with a capital of $50,000, which has obtained control of the market. American capital is shut out from competition with this syndicate by the tariff on copper ore which gives the Calumet and Hecla corporation the power to enter into an arrangement with this French syndicate. All this is very bad for the manufacturers who use copper as a raw material, and still worse for the great mass of people who use articles manufactured from copper. But it is a bonanza to the owners of copper mines.

The Calumet and Hecla corporation have made dividends in the twenty five years of their existence of $29,450,000 averaging considerably over one million of dollars per annum. This is, indeed, a magnificent income and unless new mines of copper are discovered it will doubtless increase under the present tariff and the operations of the French syndicate. Copper ore undoubtedly exists in some of the southern counties in this state. It has been found in paying quantities in Adams county and the region adjacent in Maryland. It is also believed to exist in the southern part of Franklin county. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good and no doubt the present rise in the price of copper will accelerate the development of the copper mines in Southern Pennsylvania.—*Patriot.*

Those who cannot travel to see for themselves may obtain an excellent idea of a thriving corner of the New South by reading a description of the city of Savannah, Georgia, published in *Harper's Magazine* for January. The improvements in the place since the war, as well as the traces of former days, are sketched not only in words, but by pencil in the illustrations of the monuments, public buildings, and natural scenery thereabouts. What a thriving town Savannah is will be news to most Northern people. I. W. Avery is the writer; the drawings are by Fenn, Graham, Hawley, Schell and Hogan, done into wood-cuts by Johnson, Faber, Wood, Clement, Stewart, Morse, Heard and Bridenstab.

The only time a young girl will excuse her lover for treating her coolly is when he sets up the ice cream.

The Columbian.

G. E. Elwell, J. E. Bittenbender., } Editors.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1887.

The Republican leaders concede that they cannot win in 1888 unless they can carry Indiana and New York. The Democrats are entirely satisfied that neither State can be carried by that party. John C. New, of the Indianapolis *Journal*, says the renomination of Blaine would be suicidal. He thinks Indiana can be carried by any other Republican, but adds: "We might as well talk about a man flying to the moon as to talk of Blaine carrying Indiana, after his letter in which he said that he could not get justice in the Courts of our state." Mr. New is the ablest politician the opposition own in that State and he knows that Blaine's letter to his Attorney in ordering the withdrawal of his libel suit, in another campaign would be as bad for him as the unburned Mulligan letters. New was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Garfield and he knows all about Blaine.—*Ex.*

Petitions are in circulation asking congress to provide a fractional paper currency for use in the mails. This would undoubtedly be a great convenience to the public. It is now impossible to send any amount less than a dollar with safety through the mails, except by money order or postal note. These can be obtained only at money order post offices, the former at a cost of 8 cent, and the latter 3 cents. Besides the cost, the annoyance of being obliged to go to the post office, and the necessity of waiting while the mails are being distributed might be avoided by the issue of paper currency. Such currency could be issued through the post offices the same as stamps, and then everybody could be accomodated. Now, people who live in the country at a distance from a money order office have no way of sending money by mail except in even dollars, unless they risk it in silver. If registered, this costs ten cents.

A dispatch from Danville to the Williamsport *Grit* dated Saturday, December 17th, says:

"Governor Beaver arrived here yesterday and is the guest of his uncle, Mr. Thomas Beaver. He will make the principal address of the evening at the union service to be held on Sunday evening at the Opera House. The meetings are in the interests of the proposed Y. M. C. A.

Through some miscalculation as to the departure of the train for Danville at Sunbury, the Governor telegraphed to Thomas Beaver to meet him at Riverside at 3 p. m. Instead he arrived at the D. L. & W. station at two o'clock, and there being no one to meet him, took the 'bus and arrived at the mansion before his relative had started off to meet him at Riverside. There were several other passengers who were driven to their various destinations before the Governor was finally landed at the mansion, and he laughingly remarked to one of them that the driver had evidently meant to show him the town."

Concerning the Kilrain-Smith fight which took place last Monday on an island in the Seine river twenty miles from Rouen, France, and which was declared a draw after 105 rounds had been fought, the New York *World* of Tuesday says:

In the presence of the most noble Marquis of Queensberry, Lord Mayo, Lord de Clifford, Lord Thurston and other distinguished noblemen and gentry, a tough citizen of Great Britain and a tough citizen of the United States pummelled each other for several hours yesterday on a picturesque island in the river Seine to decide which of the twain should thereafter be entitled the champion of the world. This brutal exhibition was conducted, it seems, with due regard to the properties of such brutal exhibitions, and not in accordance with the mild code as laid down by the Most Noble Marquis who had the place of honor among the spectators. That the great question of championship was not decided, after all, was not the fault either of Mr. Kilrain or Mr. Smith, but is chargeable to the fact that the day was not long enough. It is consoling to observe that the pugilists punished each other severely, and there is solace also in the thought that the day has passed when such disgraceful meetings can take place on American or English soil with impunity to the participants, the patronage of Princes, nobility and gentry to the contrary notwithstanding.

High License Prohibitory.

The High License promises to be almost prohibitory in Philadelphia, and will drive dealers out of the trade. Out of the six thousand licensed saloons, there will probably not be one-half licensed under the new law. As the law has been interpreted, the bondsmen must live in the ward where the saloon is located. In the Fifth ward there are 309 saloons, and in the Sixth ward 260 saloons. If all these places should be relicensed there would have to be 1 138 different bondsmen, and it is a well known fact that there are not enough residents property owners in those wards to make up this number, especially among those who would go upon the bonds. Nearly all the property in these wards is of a valuable character, and the owners of the same reside outside of the ward. In Schuylkill county, about 630 applications were made for license, 320 less than last year.

One Month for Killing Two Canaries.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Miss Inez Vanzandt was sentenced to one month in the penitentiary to-day for killing two canary birds. Complaint was made by Miss Fannie Sickles. Miss Vanzandt boarded in the same house with Miss Sickles, the owner of the birds, and having quarreled with her obtained revenge by cutting her enemy's pets in two with a carving knife.

The Sunbury Postoffice Robbed.

The Sunbury postoffice was entered by burglars before daylight Saturday morning. Very little money was obtained. The stamps were untouched, but a large number of letters were rifled and several Christmas packages were taken. A chisel was left by the thieves. The piles of torn letters and papers were left on the floor. Over sixty holes were bored through the door to unlock the bars.—*Milton Argus.*

To Limit Immigration.

THE DAYS HAVE PASSED WHEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CAN PARDON CRIMINALS UPON CONDITION THAT THEY GO TO THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A prominent member of congress, being asked if he had any views to express as to the bills introduced for the restriction of immigration, and of the proposal of the steamship companies relative to this subject, said: "I do not hesitate to give you my opinion, but do not wish you for the present to use my name, because I am gathering material for a bill and arguments upon the subject. The bills introduced in congress so far, with the exception of Mr. Reagan, would put the control of the immigration into the hands of our consuls. Against this proposition the steamship companies argue, that thereby a large number of worthy people would be prevented from coming to this country, while others, less deserving of American citizenship would be sent over simply for the purpose of getting rid of them at home. From what I have seen during several visits to Europe, I cannot fully agree with this idea. It may be true that some young people who now leave home without the consent of the local authorities, for the purpose of avoiding military service, do not have the chance of coming here. But I would not think that any objectionable people would be certified to as being independent, peaceable, orderly and self-sustaining by the local authorities, upon whose reports consuls would be compelled to rely, unless they were what they were represented to be. The days have passed when European countries pardon criminals upon condition that they go to the United States; they are no longer in the habit of loading their paupers upon our people. The steamship companies propose to become responsible for the character of the immigrants whom they may bring here. This they do in the interests of their business. It would be easy for them to exclude anarchists and paupers, and they would take no risks in selling them tickets. But these are not the most objectionable immigrants that we are contending against. The fact is that the steamship companies themselves are largely responsible for the bad immigrants among the great mass of the immigrants that have landed upon our shores within the past fifteen years.

These companies, in their eagerness to get business and fill their ships, have agencies throughout Europe. They have scoured all the European countries, and have entered into contracts with persons in the country to supply them the working-people. They are collecting and distributing laborers everywhere. They have brought into this country the Hungarians and Sclavonians who have made so much trouble. They have thrown their nets out in the Balkan states of Europe, the people which are no more fitted to become American citizens than are the Chinese. For that reason I do not think a law which would simply make the steamship companies responsible for the political character of the immigrants, and for the facts that they would be self-sustaining.

"We want to restrict and must restrict immigration. We do not propose to exclude the intelligent, law-abiding, and hard-working people of the civilized countries of Europe. But we do not want to exclude those who, by reason of their former habits and condition, are unfitted to become intelligent and useful American citizens. And to do this I think we must put restrictions upon the agencies which have hitherto brought these people here. At least we must make it harder for them to land these persons on our shores. For that reason I propose not only that the consuls of the United States in Europe should see to it that paupers are not brought to this country but that they should go further and pass upon the character of the immigrants, ascertaining whether they are fit persons to become citizens of the United States. I think this country is large enough for the millions of people yet to come, but we wish to select those who do come. We have excluded the Chinese, and if we cannot exclude the objectional immigrants from Europe, we can at least make it more difficult for them to enter. A bill to that end will probably be introduced soon after the holidays."

Showers Guilty of Murder.

LEBANON, December 18.—The jury in the case of William Showers, indicted for the murder of his two grandchildren on the night of the 17th of May last, came into court this (Sunday) morning at 8 o'clock and rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree. His counsel, A. Frank Seltzer, moved an arrest of judgment and made a motion for a new trial.

The Commonwealth proved a number of conflicting stories by the murderer as to what became of the children the finding of blood stains on the wall and bed clothing, the leaving of home on the night of the murder, the finding of the children in the drain near his house with their skulls crushed and a rope around the neck of one of them, both having been stangled, his subsequent confession of guilt and other suspicious circumstances. The defendant denied the confession as being true. He made another statement involving George Matteruss in the crime and stated that Huffnagle, father of one of the children, with two men committed the murder. His charges were disproven and he was not believed.

The attendance at the sessions of Court averaged 800 people, while many people remained on the outside unable to gain admittance. The verdict is considered just by everybody. His case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Jordan's Passover Feast.

SELMA, Ala., Dec 18.—William W Jordan, a faith doctor, has been living in Selma for the past twelve months and had in that time acquired great influence over the negroes, whom he told that he had come to redeem the Jews. He arranged for the passover feast at the house of two colored women on the outskirts of the city this morning and told them that a sacrifice was necessary. Francis Driver said she was willing to offer herself up as a sacrifice, and laid her head on the table. Jordan thereupon took a sword and struck her several blows on the neck and stabbed her a number of times, killing her instantly. The body was then dragged out into the street by the two other women. A white woman witnessed the affair and gave the alarm. The police arrested Jordan and conveyed him to prison. The two negro women who were present at the feast have also been arrested. The negroes are greatly excited and threaten lynch law. The chief of police says Jordan is undoubtedly crazy.

Plunging into an Abyss.

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN A DISASTER.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 18.—Eight bodies mangled almost beyond recognition were removed from beneath the ice in the Caraquet River this morning. The story of the accident leading to this loss of life is a terrible one and has never been excelled in the annals of railway accidents in this part of Canada. The disaster occurred yesterday afternoon at a point about forty miles from Bathurst, the capital of Gloucester county, one of the Northern counties of the province. For several days past the locality has been visited by tremendous snow storms.

On the Caraquet Railway the storms were very severe. Drifts were piled across the track. On Saturday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, the accommodation train filled with passengers left the village of Caraquet bound to Bathurst. The train was preceded by an engine provided with a snow plow. As the train approached the bridge at McIntosh's Cove, the lookout men ahead observed that a huge drift lay across the track on the West side of the bridge. They determined to detach the engine and plow from the rest of the train and plunge into the drift, expecting that little trouble would be experienced in removing the obstruction. There were thirteen persons—an unlucky number it proved—who essayed to accompany the driver of the engine on his trip.

When a full head of steam had been secured the engineer pulled out the throttle and the engine dashed forward The men on board the locomotive cheered as they began their mad race, passengers in response waving their hats and handkerchiefs. Scarcely had the centre of the bridge been reached than the passengers were horrified to observe the plow leaving the rails, and in an instant both the plow and the engine had run off the track and plunged into the abyss, crushing through the thin ice that covered the river and burying themselves in the dark tide beneath.

At the point where the accident occurred the water was not over six feet deep, but it was so covered with snow and ice that only top of the engine was discerned. The heart-rending cries of the unfortunate men nerved the onlookers to immediate action and many a heroic deed was done which will never be recorded. Regardless of their lives brave fishermen plunged into the river and worked for hours in the hope of saving the lives of the unfortunates. They were only partially successful, as out of the thirteen who had started out on that errand of duty there were eight who would breathe no more. These eight poor fellows were buried beneath the engine.

Terrible Chinese Disaster.

ELEVEN CITIES INUNDATED, THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST AND MILLIONS HOMELESS.

Chinese advices received state that the Yellow river overflowed its banks in the province of Honau, September 29, and completely inundated the city of Chingchow and ten other populace cities. The whole area is now a raging sea, ten to thirty feet deep, where it was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving. Thomas Paton one of the American missionaries, writing from Honau province under date of October 28, says: "The newly gathered crops, houses and trees, are all swept away, involving a fearful loss of life. The country was covered with a fine winter braid which is gone and implies complete destruction to next year's crop. 'Bread, bread,' is the cry of thousands who are on the river bank.

"Benevolent people go in boats and throw bread among the masses here and there, but it is nothing compared with the requirements. The mass of people is still being increased by continual arrivals more hungry than the last. There they sit, stunned, hungry and dejected without a rag to wear or a morsel of food. Mat huts are being erected for them. What it will be in two months I can not conceive. The misery is much increased owing to the bitter cold weather."

A Fatal Premonition.

THE STRANGE AND AWFUL FULLFILMENT OF A HORRIBLE DREAM.

INDIANA, Dec. 17.—There is a most singular circumstance connected with the death of a little son of Jacob Condron, who resides two miles from Smicksburg, in West Mahoning township. The family are highly respected and the truthfulness of this incident is vouched for by responsible parties. On Monday night of last week, Mrs. Condron dreamed that her baby, a boy thirteen months old, was accidentally burned from the effects of which it died, and that at the time of the accident her husband was away from home, and the sad news was conveyed to him by Mr. Postlewaith, a neighbor residing two miles away. On Tuesday morning before Mr. Condron went to his work some distance from home, she told him of her dream. He was much impressed with the narrative and meeting his father a short time after, told him about it. The dream preyed considerably on Mrs. Condron's mind that morning, but being busy with her household affairs, the terrible scene of her dream was fading from her memory. About ten o'clock in the forenoon she went out of the house for a moment, but was soon recalled by the screams of her babe. She rushed into the house to find her babe wrapped in flames, She made haste to extinguish the fire, but did not succeed until the child was terribly burned. After making the little one as comfortable as possible, her next thought was to send word to Mr. Condron. Just then Mr. Postlewaith came along, and bore the sad news to the father. The child lived until the next day, when death ended its sufferings. This is one of the most remarkable cases of fulfillment of a dream that has ever come to our knowledge, and is unexplicable.

A Boy Murderer.

A telegram from Columbus, Ark., says that a half witted boy, aged 13, named Charles Whitsett, enticed a young brother, aged 9, and a sister, aged 6, into the woods and cut their heads off. He returned home and informed his mother what he had done and showed a big kife with which he had committed the deed.

Placed in their Final Resting Place.

The bodies of the four anarchists who were hanged on November 11, as well as that of Lingg, were placed in their final resting place in Waldheim cemetery, Chicago Sunday. There was no disorder.

Court Proceedings.

Robt McHenry's use vs. E. J. McHenry's administratrix, case called, jury sworn, amendment to declaration filed and case continued.

H E. Smith Esq appointed auditor of the public accounts of the county officers.

J. B. Patton vs. A. P. Heller, settled by agreement filed.

W. N. Brockway vs. Christopher Klinetob Judgment by consent for 311.17 and costs.

Usual venires for jurors at February court were ordered.

Report of inspectors of a county bridge over Little Roaring creek, near David Reeders's, confirmed nisi.

M. G. Hughes et al. vs. Catawissa Circuit M E. Church. Case called, jury sworn. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the land described in the writ of summons, to be released and set aside upon the payment by the defendant of the purchase money for the same by April 1, 1888. The plaintiff to make, execute and file for the examination and approval of the defendant's counsel a deed for the land described in the writ, the amount of purchase money being $600 with interest from April 6, 1880.

J L. Kline, Peter Swank and Jonathan Beaver appointed views of a road in Conyngham near Abram Sharp's.

And now Dec. 15, 1887; it is ordered that the publication of the applications for license be made in the COLUMBIAN and *Sentinel*, for three successive weeks before the 3rd Monday of January 1888.

All the cases open on the list having been disposed of court adjourned until Saturday 17.

Saturday Judge Elwell on the bench. M. G. Hughes vs. M. E. church; rule granted to show cause why a new trial shall not be granted.

Bond of E. Jacoby, trustee of John Jacoby's estate approved and filed.

Estate of Chas Billig, bond approved and filed.

Report of viewers of a private road in Catawissa, near C. F. Gaumer set aside.

Overseers of Poor of Berwick vs. Overseers of Poor of Sal m. Adjudged that the defendants pay the costs &c. to the plaintiffs.

Rebecca J Kline vs B. & S. R. R. Co. The item, surveyor $8, is stricken out.

Estate of A. A. Kline deceased, motion to refer back to auditor refused.

In the matter of the application to have seats of directors of Bloom School District declared vacant, opinion filed, seats declared vacant, and W. H Snyder, J. P. Tustin, R. H. Ringler, C. S. Furman, G. A. Herring and C. W. Neal appointed.

In matter of dissolution of Odd Fellow' Association of Berwick, decree of dissolution filed.

J. E Wintersteen vs. W. B. & W R R Co., exceptions dismissed and report confirmed subject to the appeal by defendant.

Sale ordered in estate of Stephen Thomas.

Road in Catawissa near Berninger's mill, rule discharged.

Sale of real estate ordered in estate of Joshua Savage.

Petition filed for review of a road in Jackson near Geo. Remley's.

Estate of Samuel Smoyer, petition for rule on heirs filed, same day decree of court filed.

B F. Zarr appointed guardian of Carlton A. Caswell.

Charles B. Jackson appointed auditor to distribute balance in hands of administrator of estate of Emanuel Krum, deceased.

Michael Ryan, to use of C. G. Murphy vs. Patrick Murphy, with notice to Ellen Kane, terr tenant. Judgment decreed.

Whitney Wagon Works vs. Mrs. Sarah J. Hossler. Rule granted to show cause why judgment shall not be entered.

McClellan Smethers vs. Fannie T. Smethers, subpœna in divorce. S. P. Hanley appointed examiner to take testimony.

Estate Isabella L. Hottenstine. W. L. Freas brought before Court. Motion to commit to jail overruled and accountant dismissed.

Thomas J. Swisher vs. Cyrus Reichard, administrator, et al. Judgment entered against administrator, &c.

Geo. E. Elwell appointed auditor in account of Anna Conner, survivor of the firm of E. Peterman.

Adjourned to January 16, 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Cleveland to Join the Chase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Invitations have been issued by the manager of the swell riding academy, which is patronized by the Cabinet officials and the leading society people of this city for a grand drag hunt during Christmas week. The President and Mrs. Cleveland will follow the chase in a carriage, accompanied by a large number of friends. Mrs Cleveland is very partial to this sport, and honored all the paper chases given by Mr. Alexander Creger, of the Russian Embassy last autumn with her presence. The President, however, has never followed the hounds, but has been induced by Mrs. Cleveland to attend on this occasion. Secretary Whitney, who has accepted an invitation to join the party, will ride his fine hunter, while Mrs. Whitney and a party of guests will look on from carriages.

The meet will be at Brightwood at 1 o'clock Wednesday, Dec. 28. The drag will be started about a quarter of a mile further on and run over a beautiful hunting country with plenty of fences, ditches and low walls for five or six miles. A turn will be made somewhere near Gov Shepherd's place, and the party will finish within a mile of the start. Mr. J. D Brown, the manager of the hunt, expects that fully 100 or 125 ladies and gentlemen will ride after the hounds, and probably several hundred will watch the chase from carriages. At the conclusion of the hunt a fine spread will be laid for all the guests.

Patents granted to citizens of Pennsylvania during the past week, and reported expressly for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.:

G. Apsley, Lock Haven, seamless shoe; J M. Baker, Allentown, rolling bars for angle iron; E. Bartle, Scranton, recording machine; R J Bole, Beaver Falls, saw tooth; G. A. Brice, Titusville, tongue support; C. A. Dally, Moon, gas regulator; B. G. Dodge, Lancaster, cork blocking machine; J. G Downie, New Brighton, road engine; W. W. Griscom, Haverford College, circuit vice; P. Lange, electric coupling device; W. Marx, Beaver Falls, fruit grater; J. McDermott, Kendall Creek, gas alarm burner; T. T. McNish, Allegheny City, gas fire place; E. Meise, Allegheny City, game counter; N. Merz, Lansdale, steam boiler; F. P. Musser, Beaver Falls, Thill coupling; B F. Nicholas, Renova, supporting rest for invalids; E. G. Passmore, Haverford College, lawn mower; A. Paterson, McKeesport, machine for forming wagon axles; J. A. Price, Scranton, stove shelf; C. F. Reinmann, Pittsburg, testing electric lamp globes; W. H. Ridgway, Coatesville, crane; N. Z Seitz, Glen Rock, stock car; M Shires and J. Q. A. Kennedy, Centre Hall, fire escape; P. E. Shirk, Blue Ball, thill coupling; J D. Swallow, Port Allegheny, automatic fire extinguisher; G. Westinghouse, Pittsburg, dynamo electric machine; R. M. Wilson, Danville, sliding door hanger; J. A. Zinn, Altoona, hydraulic switch and signal device.

Teachers' Institute.

The annual session of the Columbia County Teachers' Institute will be held in the Bloomsburg Opera House, beginning on Monday, the 26th inst., at 2 o'clock, and closing on Friday, the 30th, at 4.

Among the instructors who will be present are D. J Waller, Dr. Edward Brooks and Prof. S. S Neff, of Philadelphia, Dr. A. E. Winship and Prof Alex. E. Frye, of Boston, W S. Monroe, Miss E. B. Guie, C. H. Albert, J. F. Barkins, H. G. Clark, Thomas Curry, W. C. Johnston, A. M. Freas and J. S. Kline.

The evening entertainments will be as follows:

MONDAY EVENING.

MUSIC,.....Metherell's Orchestra.
RECITATION,.....Prof. S. S. Neff.
LECTURE,.....Rev. Jahu DeWitt Miller.

"THE USES OF UGLINESS."

Francis E. Willard, President of the W. C. T. U., says of Mr. Miller's lecture:

"I never heard a nobler speech than Mr Miller's lecture. He reminded me of Anna Dickinson—eyes, lips, expression, voice, are all like hers. He has her dauntless, spirit, her passion for liberty and more than her generality. His vocabulary is without stint, his enthusiasm without store, his humor like heat lightning in a Summer cloud."

TUESDAY EVENING.

MUSIC,.....Metherell's Orchestra.
RECITATION,.....Dr. Honora A. Robbins.
LECTURE,.....Hon. Daniel Dougherty.

"THE STAGE."

It is unnecessary to say anything of Daniel Dougherty. His reputation as the "Silver-Tongued Orator" is as wide as the nation. He has been here before, and that is all that is necessary to secure a large audience.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

SOLO,.....Miss Idella Robbins.
RECITATION,.....Miss E. B. Guie.
LECTURE,.....H. H. Ragan.

"PARIS, THE MAGNIFICENT"

Rev. J H. Vincent, D D., says: "For brilliancy of illustration, for elegance of diction, for charming style of delivery, and for fullness of instruction, Mr. Ragan's lectures are pronounced by old and cultured Chautauquans uncompared since the very beginning of the Chautauqua institution."

"Isles and corridors were thronged with people who stood patiently for nearly two hours during the entertainment, while it was estimated that at least 500 failed to gain admittance. The character of the audience was flattering in the highest degree and fairly represented the cultured people of Denver. It may justly be said that every reasonable expectation was more than realized. The entertainment is properly a magnificently illustrated lecture and one hardly known which to emphasize most, the lecture or its illustrations. The lattter are the finest of the kind that have yet been produced, and this strong statement is supported by the best artistic authority in Europe and America."—*Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Col.

THURSDAY EVENING.

SOLO,.....
RECITATION,.....Miss E B. Guie.
LECTURE,.....Waldo Messaros.

"FROM ACORN TO OAK."

"Mr. Messaros was very able throughout. On account of the large audience present, and the jam around the door, Mr. Messaros was obliged to get into the hall by means of a ladder and through a window in order to fulfill his engagements."—*Merrimac, Mass.*

"The Greek Messaros orator is worthy of the clime from whence he hails, the birth place of Demosthenes."—*Milford Journal.*

The evening entertainments will commence at eight o'clock.

The music for the day sessions will be conducted by Capt. Straw of Wilkes-Barre.

The school directors of the county are earnestly requested to attend as many of the sessions of the Institute as possible.

Their presence is especially desired on Tuesday, when they will meet in Room No. 1, Third Street School House, at ten o'clock, for the discussion of questions pertaining to their work, and at two o'clock, in the Opera House, when addresses will be delivered by Dr. L. B Kline, Hon. C. G. Murphy, W. E Smith, Esq., Dr. Waller and Dr. Winship.

General admission, Monday evening, 35 and 50. Tuesday evening, 50 and 75. Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 35 and 50.

Tickets for the course, $1. Reserved seat, $1.50 Tickets can be purchased at Dentler's shoe store any time after 12:30 p. m., December 26.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Dr. D. J. Waller, Sr.

J. S GRIMES,
County Superintendent.

Passenger and coal and freight trains on the P. & R. and Pennsylvania roads were blockaded by the snow last Sunday. The snow fall was general and extended all over the eastern portion of the State. About five inches of snow fell at this place.

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"The Greatest Cure on Earth for Pain." Will relieve more quickly than any other known remedy: Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Swellings, Stiff Neck, Scalds, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Lumbago, Pleurisy, Sores, Frost-bites, Backache, Quinsy, Sore Throat, Sciatica, Wounds, Bruises, Toothache, Sprains, etc. Price 25 cts. a bottle. Sold by all druggists. Caution.—The genuine Salvation Oil bears our registered Trade-Mark, and our fac-simile signature. A. C. Meyer & Co., Sole Proprietors, Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

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NOTICE.—The policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lime Ridge, will meet at the hall of the Centre Grange, P. of H., in Centre township, Columbia county, Pa., on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1888, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before said Company. SAMUEL NEYHARD,
dec23. Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

An election for Directors of the Catawissa Deposit Bank will be held at the office of the Bank, in Catawissa, on Tuesday, January 10, 1888, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. G. M. TUSTIN,
decss-3t. Cashier.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Intending purchasers of POND'S EXTRACT cannot take too much precaution to prevent substitution. Some druggists, trading on the popularity of the great Family Remedy, attempt to palm off other preparations, unscrupulously asserting them to be "the same as" or "equal to" POND'S EXTRACT, indifferent to the deceit practiced upon and disappointment thereby caused to the purchaser, so long as larger profits accrue to themselves. Always insist on having POND'S EXTRACT. Take no other.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE
OF VALUABLE
Real Estate!

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, there will be sold at public sale, on the premises, in Briarcreek township, on

Saturday, January 14, 1888,

at 9 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate, late of Stephen Thomas, deceased, viz:

FIRST.—All that certain tract of land bounded on the north by Rombach's land, on the east and south by G. P. Learn's land, and on the west by public road, leading from the Orangeville road to D. L. & W. R. R., containing

1-4 ACRE,

more or less, and is known as the "school house lot."

SECOND.—A tract of land, bounded on the north by towing path of Penn'a Canal, on the east by land of S. Rittenhouse, on the south and west by lands of A. B. Croop, containing

3 ACRES,

more or less.

THIRD.—All that tract bounded on the north and west by a public road, leading from the Orangeville road to the D. L. & W. R. R., on the south by the D. L. & W. R. R., on the east by land of D. Rombach's estate and land of G. P. Learn, containing

20 ACRES,

more or less, on which are erected a large

BRICK DWELLING,

large barn and outbuildings.

FOURTH.—A tract of land, bounded on the north by towing path of Pennsylvania canal Co., on the south by Susquehanna river, on the east by land of A. B Croop, on the west by land of Hicks' heirs, containing

11 ACRES,

more or less, on which are erected a FRAME DWELLING, stable and outbuildings.

The sale will begin at the dwelling house on tract No. 2.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property, the one fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmat on absolute, and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi. Purchaser to pay for making deed.

dec23. C. S. JACKSON, Adm'r.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF SARAH A. ECK, DECEASED.

The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to distribute the fund in the hands of Joseph H. Eck, adm'r of Sarah A. Eck, as per account filed in Orphans' Court of said county hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, in Berwick, Columbia county, on Friday, January 27, 1888 at 9 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested are required to make their claims know, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. C. B. JACKSON,
dec23 Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Account of Anna Conner, surviving partner of the firm of E. Peterman.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, to distribute the fund in the hands of the accountant, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office, in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, January 21, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes of his appointment, when and where all persons must appear and prove their claims, or be debarred from any share of said fund.

dec24-4t. GEO. E. ELWELL, Auditor.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Came to the premises of the undersigned, in Sugarloaf township on or about the first of October, 1887, a red and white heifer, supposed to be about two years old. The owner will come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away, or she will be disposed of according to law.

Dec. 9-3t. DAVID KOCHER.

MARKET REPORTS.
BLOOMSBURG MARKET.

	Wholesale.	Retail
Wheat per bushel	83	
Rye " "	56	
Corn " "	50	65
Oats " "	32	45
Flour " bbl	4 90 to 625	
Butter	24	26
Eggs	24	26
Potatoes	60	70
Hams	12	16
Dried Apples	03	05
Side	07	10
Shoulder	09	12
Chickens	06	10
Geese		
Lard per lb	10	12
Vinegar per gal	20	30
Onions per bushel	75	1 00
Veal skins	07	
Wool per lb	35	
Hides	5 to 7	

COAL ON WHARF.

No 6 $2.00; Nos 2 3, & Lump $3.25
No. 5 $3.00 Bituminous $3 25

PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
Real Estate!

The undersigned, executor of William N. A. Rogers, late of Orange township, deceased, will expose to public sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1888,

at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: All that certain messuage and tract of land, situate in Orange township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded as follows: On the north by land of John Kline, on the east by land of Abner Welsh, on the south by lands of D. K. Sloan and Abner Welsh and on the west by lands of D. K. Sloan and Jonathan Poust, containing

72 ACRES,

more or less, whereon are erected a

DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and outbuildings. Good water and fruit trees on the premises.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of one-half of the purchase money shall be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-half less the ten per cent. upon taking possession of the premises. Possession may be had at any time from day of sale to 1st of April next. The remaining one-half of the purchase money to be paid on the 1st of April, 1889, with interest from April 1st, 1888, and to be secured by bond and mortgage.

Dec 16. ELIAS REICHARD, Executor.

Schuyler's Hardware.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

In making your selections for holiday presents nothing is appreciated better than an article that is useful. Pretty, useless articles are soon laid to one side and forgotten, but an article of daily use is a constant reminder of the giver. We give below some suggestions from our stock, and cordially invite an inspection, whether you wish to buy or not. For the Mother, Agate Iron ware is always welcome; we have a large assortment, Tea and Coffee pots, Tea Kettles, Dish pans, Wash basins, Stew pans, Kettles, Water buckets, Pudding pans, Drinking cups, Pie plates, Dippers, Spoons, Cake griddles, Batter pails, or a set of fancy Toilet ware, Bird cages large variety, Clothes wringers, Fancy Metal Tea pots, One Minute Coffee pots, Copper Tea Kettles, Nickle plated Kettles, Mrs. Potts Sad irons, scissors, Egg beaters.

RODGERS' Silverware.

Our stock is the largest in this section, consisting of Call bells, Drinking Cups, Pie, Cake, Fruit, Fish, Butter, Dinner, Tea and Carving knives, Nut picks, Button hooks from 3 to 10 inches long. Breakfast, Dinner and Pickle Casters. Butter, Berry and Cake dishes, Cream and Water pitchers, Table, Dessert, Tea, Sugar, Salt and Berry spoons, Spoon holders, Sugar tongs, Napkin rings, Sugar bowls, Syrup cups, Candle sticks.

CUTLERY

Our line of cutlery deserves special mention. Scissors and Shears of the celebrated Heinisch make put up in sets in handsome cases or singly, pocket knives all kinds and prices, a special line of fine English goods for best trade. Table knives and forks 60c. to $30.00 a doz. in handsome plush satin lined cases or without. Carving sets in great variety, breakfast and dinner carvers from 75c. to $20.00 a set in coaco, rubber, celluloid, Stag bone, ivory, Walrus and pearl handles, put up in handsome plush cases or without. Razors and shaving sets.

THERMOMETERS.

The new circular thermometer five to eight inch dial, price reduced to $2.50, every one warranted. Fishing rods, Fly books, Reels, etc. Guns, Revolvers, Tools for everybody. Sleigh bells.

SKATES! SKATES!

Especially for the holidays, all sizes; the new adjustable all clamp skate is all the go since the price has dropped so low everybody can buy them.

GUNS! GUNS!

We have on hand left from the season's sale a few muzzle and breech loading Guns which we wish to close out this season. No reasonable offer refused; now is your chance for a good gun at a low price.

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The following books are published in neat pamphlet form, printed from good readable type on good paper, and many of them handsomely illustrated. They are without exception the cheapest books ever published in any land or language, and furnish to the masses of the people an opportunity to secure the best literature of the day at the most trifling expense. In any other series these great works would cost many times the price at which they are here offered. Each one is complete in itself.

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The Columbian

BLOOMSBURG, PA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1887.

CORRECT RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

BLOOMSBURG & SULLIVAN RAILROAD.

STATIONS.	SOUTH. Arrive. P. M.	SOUTH. Arrive. A. M.	NORTH. Leave. A. M.	NORTH. Leave. P. M.
Bloomsburg,...	1 55	8 00	8 45	6 40
Main street.....	1 44	7 53	8 49	6 42
Irondale.....	1 41	7 50	9 00	6 45
Paper Mill	1 33	7 40	9 14	6 54
Lightstreet.....	1 28	7 33	9 22	6 58
Orangeville.....	1 13	7 23	9 40	7 10
Forks,.....	12 57	7 11	9 58	7 22
Tubbs	12 50	7 06	10 05	7 27
Shillwater	12 43	7 00	10 15	7 33
Benton,.....	12 30	6 50	10 30	7 45
	Leave. P. M.	Leave. A. M.	Arrive. A. M.	Arrive. P. M.

Trains on the P. & R. R. R. leave Rupert as follows:

SOUTH.	SOUTH.
7:27 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
3:37 p. m.	6:54 p. m.

Trains on the D. L. & W. R. R. leave Bloomsburg as follows:

SOUTH.	SOUTH.
7:19 a. m.	8:52 a. m.
11:07 a. m.	12:05 p. m.
2:24 p. m.	4:18 p. m.
6:36 p. m.	8:47 p. m.

Trains on the N. & W. B. Railway pass Bloom Ferry as follows:

SOUTH.	SOUTH.
10:46 a. m.	11:54 a. m.
6:36 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
SUNDAY.	
NORTH.	SOUTH.
10:16 a m	6:59 p m

SALES.

JANUARY 7—Elias Reichard, executor of the estate of Wm N. A. Rogers, late of Orange township, deceased, will sell valuable real estate on the premises, at 10 o'clock a. m.

FOR SALE.—1 grey mare, 4 years old, 1 brown mare, 4 years old, Bonny Doon, 1 draft horse. WHITE, CONNER & SLOAN.
dec2tf Orangeville, Pa.

Shipping tags, with or without strings at the COLUMBIAN office.

Notice to Tax Collectors.

An act of the Legislature and approved June 2nd 1881, (See pamphlet laws, page 45) requires tax collectors, township and borough officers to make return of seated and unseated lands upon which no property can be found from which to make taxes to the County Commissioners on or before the first day of January next, with a sufficient description by boundaries or otherwise, of each separate lot or tract and about the quantity of the same. Those who fail to make returns by said day will be held for such loss. Taxes so returned become a lien against the property so returned. We have blanks on which these returns are to be made and will furnish them upon application of collectors.
Oct 28 tf JOHN B. CASEY, Com's Clerk.

The price of envelopes has been recently advanced by the manufacturers, but we have in stock 40,000 that will be sold just as low as ever, with your business card printed on the same. Ask for prices. tf.

Buy Lester's Binghamton Kip Boots. Best made.

Leases and notices to quit for sale at the COLUMBIAN office. tf.

Personal.

C. W. Funston is in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. William Leverett is at home for the holidays.

Mr. John Zaner visited friends in Easton last week.

Miss Carrie Jameson is home from school for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Wirt were in Philadelphia the first of the week.

Mrs. F. J. Shreiber of Moorhead, Minnesota, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Tubbs.

F. H. Sloan left Tuesday morning for Annapolis, Maryland, where he has secured a position on an engineer corps. He will probably remain there until spring.

Judge Elwell started for Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Monday noon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Elwell, and by his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Smith, and his granddaughters, Misses Mollie and Lucia Smith, of Wisconsin. They will spend the winter in the south.

Diaries for 1888 at Mercer's.

Only two more days till Christmas.

China silk and fancy goods at Mrs. Ent's

This is a busy week for our merchants.

Poems in Bamboo covers at Clark's book store.

Gus Williams plays in Danville next week.

Ice cream at Phillips' for Christmas dinner.

We beat the world for juveniles at Mercer's.

Cadman's building is being remodelled into a hotel.

A fine line of hanging and stand lamps at Mercer's.

Business places in Bloomsburg will be closed on Monday.

At Mercer's drug and book store you will find a nice selection of Holiday goods.

The choir of St. Paul's church has been rehearsing some fine music for Christmas.

All sizes of gold and silver thimbles. Name engraved free of charge at L. Bernhard's, opposite Central Hotel.

The Christmas entertainment at the Lutheran church will be held Saturday evening commencing at 7 o'clock.

The ladies of the Episcopal church netted about forty dollars from the supper in Cadman's store room last Friday evening.

A lot of fancy cards with name printed on, will be sold very cheap at this office to close them out. A pack of printed cards worth 50 cents at half price. 4t

Peter E. Knapp was the first person on the street with a horse and sleigh on Sunday morning. It was the first snow of the season.

C. E. Savage has a full line of the most reliable optical goods manufactured. Gold and steel frames. Also, a nice line of clocks, suitable for Christmas presents. (3t

Gold-headed silk umbrellas at Mrs. Ent's.

Fine furniture, parlor suits, chamber suits, at Corell's.

Quite a number of students have returned home this week to spend the holidays.

Vases of all descriptions at Geo. A. Clark's Book Store.

We wish all our patrons and readers a Merry Christmas. May it be a season of pleasure to you all.

The Christmas Festival of the Episcopal Sunday School will be held Wednesday evening, December 28th.

Easy chairs, fancy stands, plush rockers, sideboards, hat racks, and many other articles suitable for gifts at Corell's. Call and see.

The *Sentinel* has had a valuable addition to its staff this week. Mrs. J. C. Rutter Jr. presented her husband with a boy baby on Tuesday.

Buy or engage your oysters for your Christmas dinner of Jacoby. The supply will be limited. His "Peerless Selects" are extra fine.

The fall term at the Normal closed Wednesday. Large numbers of the students are leaving for their homes to spend the Christmas holidays.

The Danville Assembly held a ball at the Montour House on Tuesday evening. Prof. Thomas Metherell led the Danville orchestra and the music was excellent.

Get your silverware for Christmas presents of C. E. Savage. His assortment is complete, embracing the newest designs of the finest finish and best quality. [9-3t.

The minute book of the Secretary of Bloomsburg Royal Arcanum has been lost or mislaid; anyone returning it to Jno. F Peacock or C. H. Campbell will be suitably rewarded.

Watches, jewelry, silver plated ware, solid silver, rings, bracelets, and many other articles suitable for holiday gifts, at L. Bernhard's, next door to Hendershott's drug store. 2t

Mr. and Mrs J. Wilson Miller of Centre township celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage last Saturday. A large number of friends were present, and it was a very delightful party.

For a Christmas present go to Mercer's.

The Luzerne county teachers' institute is in session this week. Lectures were given by Dr. Willitts of Louisville, Ky., Daniel Dougherty of Philadelphia, and T. DeWitt Talmage, of Brooklyn.

Gold and silver watches, gold watches as low as $15, ladies' and gents' watch chains, &c. Wedding rings, some set with diamonds, pearl, garnet, tiger eye and many other styles, at L. Bernhard's jewelry store.

The snow scene in the show window of J. R. Schuyler & Co is well designed, and executed with great taste. It has attracted much attention this week. The trees and the pond, and snow are as natural as life.

FOR XMAS.

Crayon portraits, only $10.
Cabinet portraits, $3 a doz.
Work finished promptly.
[2t.] H. A. M'KILLIP.

Mrs. John Swartwout, of Benton, who has been visiting friends in New York and Connecticut, the past two months, returned on Wednesday. Mr. Swartwout met her at Bloomsburg and they took the evening train home.

Perfumery in novel packages, fancy match boxes, thermometers, easels, tripods, key racks, cellubiid and zylonite toilet sets, shaving sets, kid-body dolls, fairy lamps, and other holiday goods at Mrs Ent's store.

The interior of St. Paul's church has been improved recently by the bronzing of the gas fixtures and placing globes thereon. The chancel has been newly painted in light colors, and the organ has been tuned and repaired.

A fine selection of silver ware such as knives, spoons, forks, casters, butter dishes, cake baskets, &c., these goods are selected for their durability and style, warranted, engraved free of charge, opposite Central Hotel.

State Superintendent Higbee said at the Cumberland county teachers' institute that the institutes of Pennsylvania were better conducted and more enthusiasm and interest were manifested than in any other state in the Union.—*Ex*

Smoking sets at Geo. A. Clark's Book Store.

The reunion and banquet of the Central Pennsylvania Association of Lafayette College Alumni, will take place at the Montour House, Danville, Friday, December 23rd. It is expected that there will be a large number present.

Ladies' Hunting and Opera Faced Gold and Silver Chatelaine Watches, Diamond Garnet Set Rings, Boys' Watches, Fruit Knives, Nut Picks, Children's Knives and Forks, Gold and Silver Thimbles, suitable for Christmas presents, at C. E. Savage's

A beautiful display of smokers' outfits are to be seen in the show window of Alexander Bros. & Co., consisting of meerschaum pipes, cigar holders, cigarette holders, tobacco pouches, &c. They also have fine confectionery, nuts and fruits, for the holiday trade.

The appointment of C. L. Sands Esq of Mordansville as mercantile appraiser gives general satisfaction. He was selected by Mr. Mendenhall republican county commissioner, according to the custom of appointing a republican every third year that has prevailed for a long time. The Squire is well qualified for the place.

Children's books, games of all kinds at Geo. A. Clark's Book Store,

A great many of the people living along the B. & S. are taking advantage of the cheap rates of fare on Saturdays. The travel on the B. & S on Saturday is greater than all the other days of the week. Saturday evening three car loads of people went up, having come down on the morning trains.

Gold pens and pencils, fountain pens, ink stands etc. at Clarks' Book Store.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the M. E. Church, Buckhorn, on Saturday evening, December 24th, 1887. The celebrated cantata "Santa Claus' Home" or "The Christmas Excursion" will be rendered. This is an interesting cantata and merits a crowded house. Admission five and ten cents.

The correspondent of the Bellefonte *Daily News* says that in the Lock Haven murder trial there were 88 witnesses summoned at a cost of $530. The cost of the jury is $450. Court charges $165. These make the total cost of the trial $1,445. It is estimated by county officials that the trials of the Klines and Johnson will cost about $3,555, making a total cost of $5,000.

Fodder cutters and crushers, also a full line of bob sleds.
WHITE, CONNER & SLOAN,
dec9tf Orangeville, Pa.

Gold spectacle for all ages and of the best quality at L. Bernhard's.

We invite the attention of customers and visitors to our large and well selected assortment of elegant styles of gold and silver watches and all kinds of jewelry. It has never been our privilege to offer as large and beautiful line of goods at prices to suit all. C. E. Savage, 3 doors above the First National Bank. [9 3t.

It is worth a visit to A. S. Truckenmiller's, Catawissa, to look over the beautiful goods in his Japanese department. Hundreds of handsome, rare, and valuable articles from China and Japan just opened for the holiday trade. Come early and select your presents.

We received a letter last week from Mr. C. A. Knorr of Cleveland, Ohio, enclosing amount for subscription to 1889, and saying "I can't get along without THE COLUMBIAN." Eight years ago Mr. Knorr left Columbia county, and five years ago located at Cleveland. His daughters have grown to young ladies, and his oldest son finished a trade. He reports enjoying good health and prospering. His friends here will be pleased to know of his success.

At a meeting of Bloomsburg Royal Arcanum no. 957 on Wednesday evening Dec. 14, 1887, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

J. C. Brown, Regent; Geo. E. Wilbur, Vice Regent; Hugh A. Curran, Orator; T. B. Hartman, Secretary; Jno. F. Peacock, Collector; C. S Furman, Treasurer; L. T. Sharpless, Chaplain; C. H Campbell, Guide; S. F. Peacock, Warden; W. L. Fornwald, Sentry; W. S. Moyer, Geo. A. Clark and Wm. M Reber, Trustees. The Council is in a flourishing condition.

At the regular monthly meeting of the town council held Dec 8, a drain was ordered to be put across Main street at Market square. Iron plates were ordered to be put at the Bank crossing. The main sewer was ordered to be laid from Iron and Seventh to Catharine, to Sixth, to East, up East to G. A. Herring's. D J. Waller submitted a proposition for improving the approach to Market street canal bridge. Bills for work on highways amounting to $1011.23, were ordered paid, and other bills amounting to $3067.45.

Fancy calendars of all kinds for 1888 at Clark's Book Store.

In J. R Schuyler & Co's show window appears this week a fine display of silverware. It is of Rogers' make, the best quality and embraces cake baskets, castors, fruit dishes, butter dishes candle sticks, dinner knives, tea knives, nut pickers, ladies' shoe buttoners, ice pitchers, tea sets syrup cups, carving knives and forks, napkin rings, individual castors, childrens' sets, table castors, table bells, fruit knives, forks, spoons and a full line of plated ware. Any of these articles would make handsome Christmas presents.

St. Nicholas' headquarters are at Gilmore's toy store. It would be useless to attempt to enumerate the great variety of things calculated to make the little folks happy on Christmas that can be seen there. There are six large rooms full, containing sleds, carts, dolls, games, childs' furniture, menageries, cars, rocking horses, mechanical toys, dishes, tree ornaments, and thousands of other things. The prices are so low that everybody can find some thing that will please their children. Go and examine, and you will be satisfied. [3t

Books in sets, single one or any way to suit you at Mercer's.

A Farmers' Institute will be held at Millville commencing at 1:30 P. M. on Wednesday Jan. 11th 1888, continuing till Friday evening, essays and discussions during the day, sessions and lectures each evening. On Wednesday evening Illustrated Lecture by Dr. Henry Leffman of Phila. Pa. subject "Causes of Disease." On Thursday evening an address by Dr. Elwood Harvey of Chester, Pa. "The Near Future of Farming Interest." On Friday evening an address by E. R. Ikeler Esq., of Bloomsburg, Pa. "A Plea for the Planter." This will be a rare opportunity for those within reach of Millville to enjoy a rich intellectual and social feast.

Christmas cards from 1 cent up at Clark's Book Store.

Next Sunday being Christmas day, services will be held in the Reformed Church of this place as follows: First service at six o'clock in the morning consisting of prayers, Scripture reading, hymns, chants, and several beautiful Christmas anthems. A second service will be held at 10:45 a. m. which will be the regular Lord's Day service, and a third service will be held at the usual hour in the evening, 7 o'clock. Christmas Anthems will be rendered by the choir also at the second and third services. The Sunday School of this church will hold an interesting Christmas service on Monday evening, the 26th, at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend the above mentioned services.

Grand opening of holiday goods this week at A. S. Truckenmiller's, Catawissa. Stock larger than ever before An elegant line of stationer's fancy goods, books, toys, games, dolls, tree ornaments, confectioneries, &c., &c. Prices very low. If you would save money, give us a call.

All the standard poets in sets. Dickens, Scott, Irving, Eliot, &c. at Clark's Book Store.

The Seventh Annual Winona Reception and Promenade Concert will be given at the Exchange Hotel Parlors, Friday evening, December 30th. It will be one of the grandest affairs of the kind ever given in Bloomsburg. A large number of invitations have been sent out and it is expected that there will be a large crowd present. The music will be furnished by Henry's Orchestra of Sunbury. The Grand Entree is announced to take place at nine o'clock prompt. The following gentlemen are the officers and committee: J M. Clark, Master of Ceremonies, F. P. Pursel, D L Brown, S. M'Killip, W. C. Sloan, Assistants. F. H. Wilson, C. W. McKelvy, C. W. Funston, H. B. Clark, H. A. M'Killip, F. H. Sloan, Committee.

Blank deeds for sale at the COLUMBIAN office, at 5 cents apiece, or 50 cents a dozen. Only a few at this price. 3t.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Bloomsburg for week ending Dec. 20, 1887:

David Brumbach, Mrs. C. Blake, Capt. Chas. B. Brooks, Mr. J. C. Billemur, Bloomsburg Nursery, Mr. George Crossley, Mr. W. L. Hawk, Master Patrick M. Reilly Mr. M. C Savage, Miss Bessie Swartz, Miss Emily Swartz.

CARDS.

Mr. Thos. Brooks.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Michael Chocynski, Signor Al Corre Santo, Guiseppe Luonzo, Geog. Majinski, Pietre Silvetre, Nicolus Takubier.

CARDS.

Mr. Masirol St. Davoidoiscski, Rungiere S.

Persons calling for these letters will please say "advertised."
GEORGE A. CLARK, P. M.

New Year's Calling Cards.

Beautiful New Year's calling cards, with your name printed; for sale at the COLUMBIAN office; Cheap. Call at once and get the best selection.

A good education is the foundation of happiness. With that and good health, secured by Warner's Log Cabin Hops and Buchu Remedy, the great stomach Renovator, which makes good digestion, you may do and dare all things. 150 doses, $1.

If you ever endured the agony of a felon you will appreciate the fact that it can be cured by woolen smoke. Place the woolen rags under an inverted flower pot, and put coals upon them, or set them on fire some other way, then hold the felon over the smoke and it will extract all the pain.

The American Farmer Free to All Our Subscribers.

All of our subscribers who will pay their subscription accounts to this paper in full to date, and one year in advance, will be presented with one year's subscription to THE AMERICAN FARMER, a sixteen-page agricultural magazine, published by E. A. K Hackett, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and which is rapidly taking rank as one of the leading agricultural publications of the country. It is devoted exclusively to the interests of the Farmer, Stock Breeder, Dairyman, Gardener and their household, and every species of industry connected with that great portion of the people of the world, the Farmer. The subscription price is $1.00 per year. Farmers cannot well get along without it. It puts new ideas into their minds. It teaches them how to farm with profit to themselves. It makes the home happy, the young folks cheerful, the growler contented, the downcast happy, and the demagogue honest. A large number of our subscribers have taken advantage of this offer, and all are well pleased. tf

Photograph albums—in plush and leather—very cheap at Clark's book store.

Growth of a Big Book.

When Webster's Unabridged was first published in one volume, it was a comparatively small book. Some years after, an addition was made of 1500 pictorial illustrations, a table of synonyms, and an appendix of new words that had come into use. A few years later came an entirely new revised edition of larger size, with 3000 pictoral illustrations, then, after an interval of a few years, a biographical dictionary of nearly 10,000 names, and a supplement of nearly 5,000 new words were added, and now there has come a new and most valuable addition, a gazetteer of the world, of over 25,000 titles. The work is now not only *the* dictionary, par excellence, but the biographical dictionary, a gazetteer of the world, and a great many other good things in its many valuable tables.

Consumption Surely Cured.

TO THE EDITOR—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully, T. A. Slocum, M. C., 181 Pearl St, New York. nc nov25dm

This is Good Enough.

Mr. C. E. Bartholomew, Kalkaska, Mich., says: "I owe my life solely to Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, of Rondout, N. Y. I had liver and kidney disease, and for five years was unable to go about. I am now well, and can do a man's work on my farm I shall always hold up both hands for Dr Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. Price $1.08 a bottle; six for $5 (dec23d4t

Illustrated poems, in Morocco, with gilt edges, at Clark's book store.

The Barometer of the School Room.

Teachers in charge of schools attended by small children agree that, as a rule, they are as accurate as barometers in indication of the approaching changes of weather. Atmospheric pressures have the effect of rendering children unruly, impatient and turbulent and observant teachers note the fact as indications of the weather quite as reliable as those sent abroad from the weather bureau at Washington. The facts are well worthy of note, as showing the responses of the human and animal nature to atmospheric conditions. Cattle show, in various ways, their anticipation of an approaching storm.—*Ex.*

Christmas Presents.

A. Sollieder has received another fine lot of imported night and day singing canaries also a lot of fancy brass cages. 2t*

Beautiful Christmas presents in furniture at Corell's.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., of Binghamton, N. Y., are now working a night and day force to supply the druggists' orders for their Swamp-Root Kidney, Liver and Bladder Cure.—*Binghamton Daily Republican.* (23d4t.

Holiday goods in great variety now open at Mrs. Ent's store.

Ho! for Christmas.

At J. H. Stecker's you will find all kinds of fruit in season. Raisins from 8c up to 14c. French and Turkey prunes, Florida oranges, figs, &c.

Christmas Presents.

The stores of the merchants who make a specialty of holiday goods are brilliant how with their displays of pretty things, useful and ornamental, for Christmas presents. To attempt to name particularly all who make a specialty of this season, would be to give a list of nearly every business place in town. Our readers can ascertain the special line of each one by reference to our advertising columns. The show-windows were never more attractive than now. Each year seems to produce articles more beautiful than the preceding year. There are goods calculated to please every variety of taste, and to suit every pocket book in prices, and from the crowds that daily and nightly throng the stores it is apparent that the Christmas of 1887 is to be a happy one for everybody.

A Distinguished Clergyman's Testimony.

Rev R M Pickens, President of the Methodist Protestant Church of South Carolina, writes from Greenville:

"About four years ago I was attacked with what the physicians pronounced neuralgic rheumatism, accompanied with erysipelas. My appetite failed me entirely, and I had an intermitting pulse and very irregular pulsations of the heart. A terrible pain soon came into my chest and shoulders, and I became so helpless that I could attend to no business at all. The pains were movable, and would sometimes pass from one part of my body to another. Finally the erysipelas broke out on my left hand and arm, and produced much swelling. I was for eighteen months afflicted in this way, and of course used a great many kinds of medicines, but nothing gave me relief. Friends finally persuaded me to try Swift's Specific. I noticed a decided improvement while taking the first bottle. I continued its use until I had taken about one dozen bottles, when I found myself sound and well again, with no sign of disease left except a stiffness in my hand, a result of the erysipelas. While taking the medicine I gained on an average two pounds of flesh per week. I think S S S. a valuable medicine, and I frequently recommend it to my friends."

Write to the SWIFT SPECIFIC Co., Atlanta, Ga., for a Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases, mailed free to anyone."

Buy Lester's Binghamton Kip Boots. Best made.

THE SCHOOL CASE.

Judge Elwell disposed of the school case on Saturday afternoon. His opinion is printed in full below. The counsel concerned in the case were Ikeler & Herring and Geo. E. Elwell for the complainants, L. E. Waller for Brown, Lawall and Hagenbuch, and B F Zarr for Kramer, Rabb and Rosenstock.

OPINION.

In the matter of the petition to declare the seats of the School Directors of Bloomsburg School District vacant. Rule to show cause, &c.

In the petition of the six tax-payers of the school district upon which this rule was granted, it is among other things complained and alleged that the directors have neglected and refused to appoint a sufficient number of teachers to put or keep the schools in operation, so far as the means of the district will admit. Other matters charged relate to the individual acts or negligence of members of the board, or to the non-payment of teachers. The latter complaint having been withdrawn, and the board of directors being responsible only for its negligence as a board, I dismiss from consideration all matters except the complaint first above mentioned.

It appears by the evidence that there are within the school district of the town of Bloomsburg about seven hundred children or persons entitled to be taught in the common schools of the district. There have been provided two expensive and commodious school buildings of sufficient capacity to accommodate all who desire to attend the schools. During the last school year and for several years previous the directors have employed sixteen teachers, one of whom has been denominated the Principal. In the third street school building a high school has been organized. In each of the rooms in building on Third street and also in that on Fifth street, in which there are two teachers, one is denominated Principal. That is the petition occupied heretofore by the teacher called the Principal in the High school department. He is not a Superintendent, but is chosen for the place because of his superior qualifications and experience as a teacher. His office, if such it may be called, is that of a head-master or teacher. The powers and duties of the Directors further than this are not delegated by them to him.

Was it necessary that such a teacher, in addition to the other teachers, should be employed for the current school year? The directors have themselves answered that question in the affirmative, as is shown by their recorded minutes.

At a full meeting of the Board, on the 24th day of June, 1887, on motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr Rosenstock, it was unanimously agreed that the salaries of the teachers should be the same as last year, except the salary of Principal of the High school, to-wit: Assistant to Principal in the High school, $40 Then follows the amount of salaries to Principals in other departments and the sum to be paid to the assistants in each of those departments. At the same meeting a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lawall, to fix the salary of Principal of the High school at $1,000, the same as last year, was lost by a tie vote. Mr. Kramer moved to fix the salary of the Principal at one hundred dollars a month for eight months, Mr Rosenstock moved by way of amendment, accepted by Mr. Kramer, that the Principal be employed for the whole year at a salary to be fixed. On a vote being taken, probably on a division of the question, it was unanimously agreed to employ the Principal for the whole year and to pay him monthly at the salary to be fixed. The motion of Mr. Kramer was lost by a vote of three to three. At this meeting, the other teachers, fifteen in number, were elected and assigned their positions in the schools, in the Third street and Fifth street school buildings.

At the same meeting it was unanimously resolved to advertise in the city papers for two weeks that the Directors would receive applications for the position of Principal and Superintendent, satisfactory references to be furnished and amount of salary required." Motion by Mr. Rosenstock, seconded by Mr. Rabb.

At a meeting on the 23d day of July, a motion made by Mr. Rabb, seconded by Mr. Rosenstock, that Frederick Ream be employed as Principal at $800. Mr. Brown moved that Mr. Ream be notified to produce evidence that he was qualified, or stand an examination. Amendment lost by a tie vote, Brown, Hagenbuch and Lawall voting aye, and Rabb, Kramer and Rosenstock voting no. Motion of Mr. Rabb to employ Ream lost by a tie vote, the last three named voting aye and Brown, Hagenbuch and Lawall voting no.

At a meeting held on the 29th day of July, a motion was made by Mr Brown that the salary of the Principal be fixed at $1000 a year was lost by a tie vote, Brown, Hagenbuch and Lawall voting aye and the other three Directors voting no. Mr Rosenstock moved to fix the salary at $900, which was not seconded. Mr. Kramer moved, seconded by Mr. Rosenstock, to elect a principal without fixing a salary; lost by a tie vote, Kramer, Rabb and Rosenstock voting aye and the other Directors voting no.

At a meeting held on the 12th day of August, a motion by Mr. Rabb to fix the salary of the Principal at $100 per month for eight months and pay him in proportion for extra work was lost by a tie vote. On the first day of September the Directors met at the call of the President of the Board; it was moved by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Rabb, that the schools be opened on the 5th of September; lost by a tie vote, Kramer, Rosenstock and Rabb voting aye and the other three Directors voting no.

By resolution, on the 24th day of June, it was unanimously agreed that the school term begin on the first Monday in September.

These records show conclusively that it is the unanimous judgment of all the members of the Board of Directors that an additional teacher is necessary for the instruction of the pupils attending the schools. In the answer of Mr. Hagenbuch, Mr Brown and Mr. Lawall they aver that they have neglected no duty enjoined on them by law; and Mr. Kramer, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Rosenstock aver that *they* have neglected no duty enjoined on *them* by law. We may concede that they are conscientious in this conclusion, but the fact nevertheless remains that a duty enjoined by law on the Board of Directors as a Board has not been performed. Whether the Directors who voted for the highest salary to be paid the Principal were right in persistently voting against employing the required teachers unless the other Directors would concur with them, or whether the Directors voting for the lesser sum named were right in persistently insisting that the other Directors should come to their figures, is not a question for the consideration of the Court, and in reference to it we express no opinion. The result of their failure to agree, so far as regards the question before the Court is chargeable to the Board as a whole.

As a Board, they levied taxes for paying teachers, raising thereby a sufficient sum to include the salary of the teacher called Principal; pursuing in this the course which they, or at least a majority of them had done in the previous year, and their predecessors had done for several years before, which salary was greater in every instance than that paid to any other teacher. These precedents were not binding upon the present Directors. If such teacher were not necessary for the proper and successful working of the school, the sums paid him was an improper expenditure of the school fund. But the neglect to employ such teacher this year is not attempted to be justified upon that ground by the respondents.

They agree that a teacher is necessary as Principal of the High school; they agree that they will elect one to fill the place, but fail to do so for one month after the school opened and from thence to this time. Six months have elapsed since the passage of the resolution to employ such teacher. Three months of the school term have expired and the disagreement of the Directors still continues, detracting from the usefulness of at least one department of the schools in the district.

The evidence outside of that furnished by the records and testimony of the Directors is that the High school is overcrowded with pupils, the average number attending being between sixty and seventy.

Miss Nora Finney, the assistant to the Principal, (provided there was a Principal,) testifies that she cannot do justice to such a number of pupils in their grade; no person having any knowledge of schools could doubt this statement. It is confirmed by the testimony of pupils who could not be heard at recitations for want of time on the part of the teacher. Miss Finney complained of this crowded condition of the school as she supposed to the Board through the Secretary. But if she did not complain, an official visit of any Director as required by law would, at a glance, have disclosed the fact that there were nearly twice as many pupils as could be properly taught by one person.

It is suggested in argument that this matter of employing teachers; the number of scholars to be taught by one teacher and the school at which a pupil shall be taught, are all matters for the discretion of the Directors, and their discretion, unless flagrantly abused, cannot be interfered with by the Court. This is clearly the law in every matter submitted by the law to the discretion of Directors. It is applicable to cases where the Board has exercised its discretion. It is not applicable where the discretion of one-half the members leads them to conclusions directly opposite to the discretion of the other half. In that case, the house being divided against itself, there is no exercise of discretion by the whole or a majority. In such case individual discretion is not to be regarded by the Court.

When a Board of Directors has exercised its discretion in the performance of its duties the abuse of that discretion must be clear before the Court will adjudge them guilty of official misconduct or neglect of duty. "We must," says Mr. Justice Lowry, in Freeman vs. School Directors, 37 Pa. St. Rep. 386, "be liberal and generous towards this discretion in reviewing the exercise of it." But it is no where held that refusal to exercise discretion, to the detriment of the interests of the public, shall be treated with great tenderness.

The statutory remedy for neglect of duty by all the members of a Board of Directors is that of removal from office. Within the meaning of the law all the members do neglect or refuse to do an act, when by an official vote there is a tie, which prevents the doing of the required act.

It is the duty of the Board to organize by the election of a President, but if all the members are present and less than four vote for one person, there will be no election. If in such case the members persist in refusing to give one of their number a majority, the whole Board must be removed.

The same must be the law if a tie vote prevents the opening of the schools or the selection of an admitted and unquestionably necessary number of teachers. If this be not so, three School Directors have the power to nullify the school system in their district. The Act of 1854 was intended to prevent any such result by summary proceedings to remove the delinquent Board and appoint others in their stead.

The evidence in this case, clearly showing that the Board of Directors has refused and neglected to perform a duty enjoined on them by law, it is our duty to declare their seats vacant.

And now December 17, 1887, it is adjudged that the first specification in the complaint filed on the 4th day of October, 1887, is true; it is therefore ordered and adjudged that the seats of Isaiah Hagenbuch, J. C. Brown, John Lawall, Wm. Rabb, Wm. Kramer and Henry Rosenstock, as School Directors of the Town of Bloomsburg, be and the same are hereby declared vacant.

By THE COURT,
WM. ELWELL, P. J.

Same day, Wm. H. Snyder, J. P. Tustin, R. H Ringler, C. S. Furman, Geo. A. Herring and C W. Neal are appointed School Directors of the school district of the Town of Bloomsburg, in the stead of the Directors this day removed.

By THE COURT,
WM ELWELL, P. J

To all which ruling and appointment counsel for the respondents except.
WM. ELWELL, P. J. [Seal.]
Dec. 17, 1887.

"When people suffer from pain they want to be cured, not trifled with." "I want Pond's Extract, not an imitation." This was the answer made to a dealer who was trying to make a larger profit by offering a weak imitation of Pond's Extract to a customer. "I know the difference," he added; "one cures and the other disappoints." This favorite family remedy cures colds, sore throat, all forms of inflammation, hemorrhage, piles, sores and kindred diseases.

If the food is not properly digested it becomes corrupt, and poisons the system it is intended to nourish. This is indigestion.

"My wife has suffered for many years with indigestion. After trying everything else recommended, she tried Simmons Liver Regulator. In three days after taking it according to directions she was in perfect health; she does not suffer at all and can eat anything she wants without any of her previous symptoms."
W. C. SUBERS, Bainbridge, Ga.

The "Star of Bethlehem" (Venus) may now be seen in the early morning. It will remain as the morning star the rest of the year. Venus is now brighter than it has ever appeared to any one now living and it will not be so near the earth in 340 years as it is now. The star appears at about 3 a. m. and is visible until after sun rise. About 4 o'clock one can get the most satisfactory view, a pair of opera glasses will aid the appreciation wonderful.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 19, 1887.

December BOOK NEWS (88 pages illustrated) is the best number ever printed. 5 cents will bring it, or 50 cents will get it for a year—a resume once a month of every new book published.

A few representative stuffs from the medium priced Dress Goods:

50 inch silk-and-wool cluster-line Plaid. Sprinkled with bright specks of silk and a glance of silk in the plaid-threads. A $1 stuff for 62½ cents. 5 colors.

Mixed Tricot. Goods that were likely to be your first choice at $1. All the worthiness of plain cloth Tricot and an extra touch of suggested color. 75 cents.

Plain Tricot, good weight, excellent quality, 75 cents.

A finer Tricot, in solid Fall shades, $1.

Ladies' Cloth; like doeskin. Brown, blue, green, garnet, and olive. Plain or mixed. 54 inches, 85 cents.

Very similar in weight and colors, but 50 inches wide, 75 cents.

We told a couple of weeks ago of a wonderfully good 40-inch 25-cent Dress Stuff. Firm, strong, good weight. A modest little check formed by thread bars as wide as the check. The whole big lot went off like a whiff! Another lot is here very much like it, better, if anything; a trifle heavier, a bit firmer, and just as handsome. Not quite so wide.

light brown and brown
brown and ecru
blue and brown
blue and drab
blue and gold

The flutrescent or changeable effect is very marked in some of the color blendings.

Ladies' Writing Desks. Sooner or later every lady expects to have one. More likely to come at Christmas than any other time.

Full of facilities that their size would never hint at. It is the makers' every-year study to get more and more of neatness and convenience into these handsome bits of furniture. They have outdone themselves this year.

The bests of two hemispheres are here. Such a gathering of them as we never had before—and for less money. As neat and rich as anyone need care for, $7. Covered with extra quality straight grain leather, and furnished complete. A Desk like this has never before been less than $10, more likely $12.50.

A mirror-polish on the Olive Wood Writing Desks, and each part of a single piece of wood. With ruler, pen and pencil, and cut glass inkstand, $10 to $16.

Saxony Desks of German Thura Wood, inlaid with mother-of-pearl, ebony, maple, holly, and olive, $6 to $10.

Engle Writing Desks are warranted not to warp or crack. Of course none of the Desks we have just been telling of will warp or crack, but the Engle Desks are moderate priced—very. They are the kind that slipshod work is likeliest to get into. The wood that Engle Desks will be made of three years hence is in the dry-house now—

rosewood, mahogany, black walnut, bird's-eye maple

10, 12, 14, and 16 inches, with metal name-plate in each cover, $2.15 to $3.90. Lower prices than we ever before saw on them.

Handsome sets of writing utensils for a desk—

paper cutter, pencil, penholder, eraser

in sandal wood, Cedar of Lebanon, olive, and olive and ebony, $1 a set.

For general use we think the Cabin Bag the best of all Traveling Bags. It isn't the cheapest in the money way, nor the best looking, but if you simply want neat, available stow-away room you can't get more for the same cost in any other Bag we know of. Opens in the middle of the top. Takes up no more room when open than when shut. Just as much room in side of it when open as when shut. Can't say that of any other Bag.

Nearest like it is the Club Bag. Longer, narrower, rounder. Not so big for its size as a Cabin Bag, but wonderfully big, just the same.

Any other worthy Bag shape that is to be had.

With the lightest, snuggest hold-together and carrying gear we have ever seen on Traveling Bags.

Any proper material. Four sorts of Alligator, for example—black, light brown, dark brown, and some in fancy colors. The chances are that you never saw more than two sorts of Alligator in any other store.

Sizes usually from 10 to 18 inches. The midway prices of two kinds:

14 inch Grain Leather Club Bag, riveted, $4.90. Same, sewed frame, $5.35.
14 inch Alligator Club Bag, riveted, $6.25. Same, sewed frame, $6.75.

Men's Gloves. Anything in Kid from $1 to Dent's best at $2.25. Warm lined, Scoth wool, Cashmere, whatever good Glove is made anywhere.

All sorts of Gloves for women. Kid from 75 cents up.

JOHN WANAMAKER,
Chestnut, Thirteenth and

Indiana's Shaky Hill.

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE WONDERS OF THE HOOSIER STATE.

A Cambridge City (Ind) correspondent of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* observes that during the recent natural gas craze which swept over Indiana and which has, to some extent, abated in this immediate section, frequent mention was made of the feasibility and probable results of boring for the inflammable fluid on "Shaky Hill." There are many who are positive in their belief that gas can be found there and in abundance, too. There are others who claim that it would be the last place in the world for gas or oil, but it is certain that the locality or "hill" is attended with very mysterious phenomena.

The hill in question is a part of a low ridge of land running east and west some two miles south, the hill, comprising about twelve acres, being southwest two and one-half miles, in the northwestern corner of Fayette county, and lies about three hundred yards from the J., M. & I. railroad track. The land was entered in 1816 by Thomas Reagan, whose son, Wiley Reagan, settled upon the hill in 1822. Your correspondent met two gentlemen who probably knew more about the circumstances surrounding the peculiar actions of the hill, or rather plateau, than any others. One, the son-in-law of Wiley Reagan, said:

"The land on which it is situated was bought about sixty-five years ago by Wiley Reagan, my father-in law, an early settler, who improved the farm and built a log house on the highest part of it, the part lying east of a small creek. Soon after the family occupied the house they discovered that at intervals there was a pronounced disturbance of the hill, as if moved or shaken by an earthquake—this, too, while other sections of the country were undisturbed. This continued or several years, and finally increased and became so marked that the Reagan family became alarmed and built a new cabin on the west part of the farm—across the creek. This was done because they feared and expected some dire calamity would befall them should they remain on the hill, not that they were superstitious, as has been said, but because they were afraid the land would sink or break up—at least they thought it safer on more stable ground. [Right here it may be said that in several places in this county large portions of ground are found which look to have sunk or dropped below the level of the surrounding region.] The cabin was removed, and there has been no dwelling very near the hill since. The character of the disturbances resembles the sensation produced by an earthquake, perceptibly shaking the house, various articles of furniture and especially the cupboard and its contents of dishes, etc.; shaking the clothes-line, sometimes causing it to fall, with its load of washing. The disturbances, as far as known, have not occurred as frequently as formerly; but as the locality has for a long time been a part of a large, open field, the chances for observation have been limited, and it may have shaken many times without having been felt by persons.

"On a number of occasions the house nearest the hill, to the northeast, was affected in a similar manner, and at one time the cellar wall of this house was badly cracked and rendered useless. The peculiarities of this hill—that it has repeatedly shaken, and the phenomena stated actually took place, is authenticated by many of Reagan's nearest neighbors, among whom were Samuel Baldwin, Joab Rains and many others now dead, and of the living, a Mr. Hopper, Samuel Morris, Linville Ferguson and Milton Thornburg (the last two gentlemen are directors of the First National Bank of this place).

"There is nothing peculiar or different from the ordinary in this or adjoining lands to point to anything strange excepting a large surplus spring at the foot of the hill in a quagmire that seems to have no bottom."

In the last statement the gentleman suggests a theory to account for the strange behavior of the hill. It is probable that the elevation has for its foundation a thin stratum of Niagara rock resting on this bog. A slight disturbance would cause this rock to vibrate, and this motion transferred to the hill would produce a decided shock.

The gentleman further stated: "In more recent years persons living immediately west of the hill have noticed an odor or coal-tar in damp weather when the wind blew from the east. Also, that in digging cellars, wells, etc., large fissures were found partly filled with substances closely resembling cinders, ashes, etc."

At one time a laborer was hired to dig a well near the house, but after going down some twenty feet the tools caused such hollow sounds the man came up instanter, declaring he wouldn't finish it, as he was afraid the bottom would fall out."

Mr. Byram Baldwin, who owns the farm, states that to his certain knowledge the hill has been "shaky" for over fifty-seven years. He has experienced the peculiar sensations, and only about two months ago his wife and hired hand felt a violent jar about four o'clock in the morning. Their dwelling is about three-eighths of a mile from a hill. Of a large apple orchard set out by Mr Reagan only one tree remains, the rest having died or were cut down. One day in the fall of 1883 nearly all the ripe apples were shaken from the tree by the quaking of the earth. Mr. Baldwin says that while driving near the hill Saturday night with his wife they were startled by three sudden flashes of light, produced by balls of fire which shot up into the air one hundred feet much like a sky-rocket. It is said on good authority that this is of frequent occurrence, and it is no doubt caused by the combustion of light carburetted hydrogen, commonly called marsh gas, or "jack o'lantern."

Another peculiar feature of this place is that the needle of the compass will not point to the magnetic pole, but inclines to the east. The temperature, too, is unlike that of the surrounding region. The same thermometer will show a change of several degrees in going from different parts of the farm to the hill—not always cooler, not always warmer, but never the same.

State Geologist Cox paid this locality a visit in 1878. He ascribed the sensations to either "unconscious personal deception" or the bursting of rocks which form the foundation of the hill. He thinks the deflection of the compass needle is due to a fault of the compass, but other surveyors among them Charles Williams, of Connersville, think differently, basing their opinions on actual experiments.

This is the time of the year when the sportsmen who has bagged no birds tries to make the inoffensive rabbit quail.

Success on the Stage.

A MANAGER'S ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN—A JEALOUS PLATFORM.

I happened into the office of Manager A. M Palmer a few days ago when this subject was touched upon. Mr. Palmer is president of the Actors' fund and is a man of liberal education. He is known all over this country and in Europe. He has one of the best libraries of dramatic literature in this country. He has helped hundreds of young men and women to get on the stage. He talked freely and frankly on the subject. I asked him:

"What chance does the dramatic profession offer to young men and women?"

The same chance that the studio affords, that the pen affords—given equal industry, patience, taste, talent and fitness for the calling, success is as possible and as probable on the stage as in any other profession," he replied.

"If you were asked by a young man or woman with a desire to go on the stage for an opinion, would you advise them to do so, or to seek a professional or commercial life?"

"As a rule, I repeat, I should say, avoid the stage. What is called talent on the stage means simply a peculiar temperament, which for lack of a better adjective, we generally call the 'mimetic' temperament. It is very doubtful that either Cæsar, Napoleon or Washington would have made as good an actor as many a man, whose intellect compared to theirs would be as a drop of water on the Atlantic ocean. Without this peculiarity of temperament a marked success is almost unattainable even by the most intellectually refined man or woman, however scholastically equipped. This temperament is rare—far more rare than are such higher qualities of the mind. Where it is evident such a temperament exists in a man, I should not deter him from going on the stage."

"How about a woman?"

"That is different, and, let me add, a far more delicate question to answer. Granted that a lady possesses and evinces the possession of the needed temperament and other qualities of a great actress, I should still hesitate to take the responsibility of advising her to adopt the life of the stage."

"Why?"

"Because of the great sacrifices a woman is forced to make who steps from the solid, quiet happiness of private life to the glitter of a public one. The sanctities of home, the pride of womanly reserve, are high prices to pay either for the gratification of vanity or the accumulation of money. Do not mistake me. A moral woman can remain so on the stage just as well as off of it. I refer not to that at all, but to the exchange of the home for the theatre, the substitution of the excitements of professional rivalries and jealousies for the quiet enjoyment of the privacies of family life. The stage is a jealous platform. It is Aut Cæsar, aut nullus, with it. It denies to the wife and mother the evening of rest. It deprives her husband or father of her companionship at those very hours when it would be sweetest, and in spite of what she may do, substitutes a feverish gratification alternated with disappointments bitter as aloes for the quiet happiness that is fullest and most satisfying to the female heart."—New York Letter.

Value of Rye.

Rye is not only valuable for its grain and straw, but it cannot be excelled as a crop for late pasturage in the fall, when other green food is scarce; while it also grows early in the spring and enables stock to secure green food before anything makes a start. If rye should be estimated entirely as a forage plant, the result would not be al together in its favor, as there are other and more desirable materials for that purpose, but its place cannot be easily filled in some respects. Late in the fall the farmer usually has his barn well stored with grain and hay, and cares very little about rye as a special food; but it is well known that as long as the stock can procure a proportion of green food, there is greater thrift, and milk cows give a greater quantity of milk, owing to the dietary effects of the green food. Unless the farmer has ensilage, his stock must subsist on the cured dry provender provided for them; but if he has a field of rye he can either pasture the cows upon it or cut it for them; if it be of sufficient height, according to the proportion required. If the ground be made rich, the grazing on the rye will do it no harm, as it will grow up again and provide a crop of grain at the proper time. But care should be taken that the rye be not trampled too much.

In addition to late grazing, in the spring the rye furnishes early green food, which is always an acceptable treat to stock that have been fed on dry food during the long winter, and in these respects the rye crop is one of the best. It shortens the time on which grain and hay are fed exclusively. When the other grasses begin to come in the rye can be permitted to mature, and a crop of grain and straw harvested. Rye can never be made to usurp the places of wheat and oats as a grain crop, except on light sandy soils; but as a combined crop, affording grain, straw and convenient grazing, it has an important place which no other crop can fill. It will pay any farmer who keeps stock to sow a piece of land to rye, not so much as a matter of profit, but as a means of providing green food in the fall and early spring.

Useful Suggestion.

When washing glass, slip it into the water so that the inside and outside touch the water at once. The reason glasses break is because the side which is first put in expands more quickly than the other. Wash glasses in hot soapy water and wipe at once on a dry linen towel, to make them glossy. New silver should not be washed in soapy water as it dims its brightness, but old silver that has always been washed thus, may look better when washed in hot soapy water and rubbed with a dry cloth. Knife handles should never be wet, nor should the blades be put in too hot water as they may expand, cracking the handles.

Cream Cake.

French cream cake makes a delicious desert. Use three eggs, one cup of sugar, one and a half of flour, two teaspoonfuls of yeast powder, mixed in the flour, two tablespoonfuls of cold water. Bake in two cakes; while hot, split open and spread with the cream made thus: Boil one pint of sweet milk, reserving a small part to thin the eggs. Take two small tablespoonfuls of corn starch, beaten with the reserved milk. To this add two beaten eggs. When the milk boils, stir this in slowly with one cup of sugar. When almost done, add half a cup of butter. Flavor with vanilla, or anything preferred.

The Joker Outjoked.

From the St. Paul Globe.

A thrilling though true story relating to a prominent merchant of St. Paul, but who is now visiting the lake, has just leaked out. The man in question had attended a fashionable dinner party and had imbibed rather freely of champagne, so much so that on returning to his office he felt an irresistible impulse to play on somebody a practical joke. His quick wit soon came to his rescue. Managing to reach his telephone he called up an undertaker, and representing himself to be the Coroner, ordered him to come immediately and remove a dead man. He telephoned to another undertaker the same message, and still another. Not satisfied yet he called a fourth—urging them to hasten. He then threw himself on a sofa to await the fun.

He soon, however, went to sleep, and when the undertakers came he was dozing away in a half-drunken stupor. The undertakers soon understood the situation and whispered a short time among themselves.

A few minutes after they were seen to carry one of the boxes into the office, and soon returning with it, lifting it with much exertion into the wagon. When the man awoke he found himself stark naked on a marble slab in a dissecting room of a prominent establishment of St. Paul. "Let me see," said a thin, gaunt young fellow, who was sharpening a scalpel, "shall we cut out his left lung first or his right?" The intoxicated man began to doubt whether he was dead or alive. The cold sweat began to come out on his forehead. He found himself unable to move a muscle or utter a word.

"Oh, it don't make much difference," answered the person addressed, a still more ghastly looking specimen, who was wiping a long dissecting knife near the head of the doomed man. "We can sever the jugular first and then decide what to do." As he spoke he put his cold, wet hand on the shoulder of the man and held the knife as if about to dissect him. The man admits that the sensation was peculiar; the touch of the hand, however, acted like an electric shock, and with a piercing yell, the "dead man" jumped several feet away from his persecutors and reached the outside of the door, only to hear them roar with laughter as they shouted to him, "Hold up, Jim, it's only a practical joke, you know; better come back and get your vest on."

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Chulasky	6 00	....	10 29	6 34
Danville	6 08	1 58	10 38	6 40
Catawissa	6 23	2 14	10 53	6 56
Rupert	6 30	2 19	11 00	7 05
Bloomsburg	6 36	2 24	11 07	7 12
Espy	6 42	2 29	11 15	7 20
Lime Ridge	6 51	....	11 22	7 27
Willow Grove	6 54	....	11 26	7 31
Briarcreek	6 58	....	11 30	7 35
Berwick	7 05	2 46	11 37	7 42
Beach Haven	7 11	2 54	11 44	7 49
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Wyoming	8 22	3 52	12 50	8 58
West Pittston	8 27	3 56	12 55	9 02
Pittston	8 33	4 01	1 03	9 09
Lackawanna	8 40	....	1 11	9 17
Taylorville	8 48	....	1 19	9 25
Bellevue	8 56	....	1 25	9 30
SCRANTON	9 00	4 22	1 30	9 35
	P M	P M	P M	A M

STATIONS.	A M	A M	SOUTH. P M	P M
SCRANTON	6 10	9 50	2 05	6 20
Bellevue	6 15	9 55	....	6 25
Taylorville	6 20	10 00	2 14	6 30
Lackawanna	6 28	10 08	2 21	6 37
Pittston	6 36	10 16	2 28	6 45
West Pittston	6 42	10 22	2 34	6 51
Wyoming	6 47	10 27	2 39	6 55
Maltby	6 51	10 30	....	6 59
Bennett	6 55	10 34	2 47	7 03
Kingston	6 58	10 38	2 50	7 07
Plymouth Junction	7 05	10 42	2 54	7 12
Plymouth	7 10	10 47	2 59	7 16
Avondale	7 14	10 51	3 03	7 21
Nanticoke	7 19	10 55	3 06	7 25
Hunlock's	7 26	11 02	3 19	7 43
Shickshinny	7 47	11 12	3 29	7 5
Hick's Ferry	7 55	11 22	3 39	8 07
Beach Haven	8 01	11 28	3 45	8 13
Berwick	8 07	11 37	3 51	8 20
Briarcreek	8 13	....	3 57	8 27
Willow Grove	8 16	11 46	4 01	8 31
Lime Ridge	8 20	11 52	4 05	8 35
Espy	8 26	11 29	4 12	8 41
Bloomsburg	8 32	12 05	4 18	8 47
Rupert	8 37	12 10	4 24	8 52
Catawissa	8 42	12 15	4 29	8 57
Danville	8 57	12 30	4 46	9 15
Chulasky	9 03	....	4 54	9 23
Cameron	9 07	12 40	5 00	9 28
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 22	12 55	5 15	9 43
	A M	P M	P M	P M

Connections at Rupert with Philadelphia & Reading Railroad for Tamaqua, Tamsqua, Williamsport, Sunbury, Pottsville, etc. At Northumberland with P. & E. Div. P. R. R. for Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Emporium, Warren, Corry and Erie.

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TIME TABLE.

In effect May 29, 1887. Trains leave Sunbury EASTWARD.

9.40 a. m., Sea Shore Express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 3.15 p. m.; New York, 5.30 p. m.; Baltimore, 3.10 p. m.; Washington, 3.50 p. m., connecting at Philadelphia for all Sea Shore points. Through passenger coach to Philadelphia.

1.43 p. m.—Day express daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m.; New York, 9.35 p. m.; Baltimore 6.45 p. m.; Washington, 7.45 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia and passenger coaches through to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

7.45 p. m.—Renovo Accommodation (daily for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.25 a. m.; New York 7.10 a. m. Baltimore, 4.55 a. m.; Washington 6.05 a. m.; Sleeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg for Philadelphia and New York. On Sundays a through sleeping car will be run on this train from Williamsport to Philadelphia. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7 a. m.

2.50 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Monday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 8.25 a. m. New York, 11.35 a. m.; Baltimore 8.15 a. m.; Washington, 8.50 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars are run on this train to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and through passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5.10 a. m.—Erie Mail (daily except Sunday), to Erie at all intermediate stations and Canandaigua at 3 intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through Pullman Palace cars and passenger coaches to Erie and Rochester.

8.35—News Express (daily except Sunday) for Cook Haven and intermediate stations.

12.32 p. m.—Niagara Express (daily except Sunday) for Kane and intermediate stations and Canandaigua and principal intermediate stations, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls with through passenger coaches to Kane and Rochester and Parlor car to Williamsport.

5.30 p. m. Fast Line (daily except Sunday) for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Watkins and intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Renovo and Watkins.

9.30 a. m.—Sunday mail for Renovo and intermediate station.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Sunday mail leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m Harrisburg 7.40 arriving at Sunbury 9.30 a. m. with through sleeping car from Philadelphia to Williamsport.

News Express leaves Philadelphia 4.30 a. m. Harrisburg 8.10 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Sunbury 9.53 a. m.

Niagara Express leaves Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.30 a. m. (daily except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 12.52 p. m., with through Parlor car from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Fast Line leaves New York 8.00 a. m.; Philadelphia, 11.50 a. m.; Washington, 9.50 a. m.; Baltimore, 10.45 a. m., (daily except Sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 3.30 p. m., with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Erie Mail leaves New York 8.00 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11.25 p. m.; Washington, 10.00 p. m.; Baltimore, 11.20 p. m., (daily except Saturday) arriving at Sunbury 5.10 a. m., with through Pullman Sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia.

SUNBURY, HAZLETON & WILKESBARRE RAILROAD AND NORTH AND WEST BRANCH RAILWAY.

(Daily except sunday.)

Wilkesbarre Mail leaves Sunbury 9.55 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 10.46 a. m., Wilkes-barre 12.15 p. m.

Wilkes-Barre accom. leaves Sunbury 2.55 p m, arriving at Bloom Ferry 3.51; Wilkes-Barre, 6.00 p m.

Express East leaves Sunbury 5.35 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 6.26 p. m., Wilkes-barre 7.55 p. m.

Sunbury Mail leaves Wilkesbarre 10.25 a. m. arriving at Bloom Ferry 11.54 a. m., Sunbury 12.45 p m

Express West leaves Wilkes-barre 2.50 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 4.19 p. m. Sunbury 5.10p.m

Catawissa accom. leaves Nescopeck 5.05 p m, arriving at Bloom Ferry 5.30 p m; Sunbury, 6.25 p m.

SUNDAY ONLY.

Sunday mail leaves Sunbury 9.25 a. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry 10.16 a. m. Wilkes-Barre 11.45 a. m.

Sunday accommodation leaves Wilkes-Barre 5.10 p. m., arriving at Bloom Ferry, 6.39 p. m., Sunbury, 7.30 p. m.

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